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Suspended sentence for ex-mayor

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» 3 co-defendants plead guilty in corruption case, also get suspended sentences

Former Rota mayor Melchor A. Mendiola has pleaded no contest to the charge of possession or removal of government property and was sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended.

According to court documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja held a change of plea hearing for the 67-year-old Mendiola at the Rota Superior Court last Feb. 17.

Mendiola's three co-defendants—Alfred M. Apatang, Tina M. Atalig, and Stacey Ann M. Atalig—pleaded guilty to the same offense last Dec. 15 as part of a plea deal. They were all sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended.

The Office of the Attorney General dropped the case against a fifth co-defendant, Bernard T. Apatang.

Mendiola and his lawyer, Matthew Holley, signed a plea deal with

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Legislature waits for OPM's next move

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The Legislature hopes the Office of Personnel Management would provide more accurate information so they could start identifying additional funds for the salaries of employees whose wages were frozen at Step 12 when the austerity measure kicked in 10 years ago.

The Legislature last year allocated $1,451,365 from an over $40-million supplemental appropriation as payment for all active and inactive employees for their outstanding lump-sum wages frozen at Step 12 based on Public Law 10-76.

PL 10-76 was amended by PL 11-59 and is different from PL 19-83, which is for the 5-percent salary increases of all civil service employees, as reported in yesterday's *Saipan Tribune*.

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NEW NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR
Acting governor Victor B. Hocog, second from left, swears in Vicente Cruz Santos Jr., third from left, as the new Northern Islands mayor yesterday at the Governor's Office conference room.
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CULTURAL DAY
Seiia Gakuen High School students perform a dance number for Marianas High School students during the school's Cultural Day last Friday.
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2 Saipan students make top 5 in regional spelling bee

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Two students from Saipan placed in the top 5 at the 45th Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in Guam last Saturday.

Whispering Palms School 8th grader Samantha Liske-Clark placed second in the Guam regionals.

Anthony King, an 8th grader at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School, placed fifth overall.

An eighth grader at Saint Anthony Catholic School in Guam, Alyssa Dela Cruz, was crowned the champion on Saturday. Her winning word

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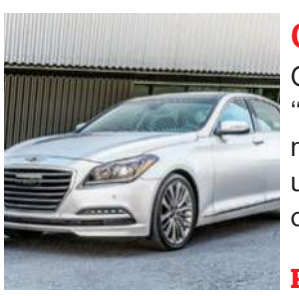

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Genesis calls them "human-centered innovations." The rest of us will call them darn cool conveniences.

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Celebrating 31 years of friendship

Students of both the Seisa Gakuen High School in Japan and Marianas High School in the CNMI came together to celebrate 31 years of friendship between both schools.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera remembers participating in the exchange program as a student, a teacher, and now as a principal.

"One that has not changed over 31 years is the excitement that our students have in doing the cultural exchange," said Cabrera.

The Seisa Gakuen High School students arrived last Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Marianas High School students were on hand to welcome their sister school.

The following day, March 2, MHS Student Council president Yuuki Nishida met and addressed the Japanese students. March 3 marked Marianas High School's annual Cultural Day, which the school celebrated with their sister school. The ceremony was opened with opening remarks from Cabrera, Seisa Gakuen High School president Haname Kaneko, and Nishida.

MACKENZIE PEREZ

The Dako-on Japanese traditional drums (taiko) team composed by former and current students of Seisa Gakuen High School and MHS' Refaluwasch Culture Club give an impressive performance.

Last Saturday was the thank-you party for students of both schools. The Dako-on Japanese traditional drums (taiko) team composed of former and current students of Seisa Gakuen High School and MHS' Refaluwasch Culture Club gave an impressive performance.

The Japanese students also went around the island and prayed for the war dead.

Kuniko Sasaki, director of Seisa Gakuen's Participate and Learn program, described the MHS students as "very kind and helpful."

"This experience will be an unforgettable memory. Thank you, MHS, for this wonderful opportunity. Hope to see you again" Sasaki added. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

HANMI charity golf tourney on June 24

One of the most highly anticipated annual golf tournaments in the Northern Mariana Islands is set to tee off on June 24, 2017, as the 16th Annual HANMI Charity Class Golf Tournament prepares to offer golfers the chance to win enticing prizes.

Golfers and sponsors are urged to mark their calendars for this year's tournament, slated for Laolao Bay Golf & Resort west course and open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

"We're bringing back the Blackjack Double Peoria format that was so popular last year, minus the Championship flight," said tournament chair Takahiro Omori of Mariana Resort & Spa. "And once again, golfers will be able play with who they choose by requesting their preferred pairing."

Registration forms will be available shortly on the HANMI website at www.saipan-hotels.org, and at local golf course and hotels. Early bird tournament fee is $120 for payments received by 5pm, June 16. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $140 after the early bird deadline. For an additional $30, players may also compete for optional play prizes. The tournament will start at 7am.

Tournament prizes will be announced shortly. ***(HANMI)***

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Power outages on March 9 and March 11

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Thursday, March 9, 2017, from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely relocate five primary power poles, primary conductors, and hardware. This relocation is part of the ongoing Cross Island Road Improvement Project.

Areas to be affected are the Lower Base CUC power plant going up to Isa Drive (Sadog Tasi Drive, Baranka Lane, Pila Drive, Woosch Lane, Laguna Drive, Coastal Drive) and ends before the Capital Hill Post Office.

Water services affected will include Sadog Tasi, Lower Base, upper and lower Navy Hill, China Town, and the entire Garapan area.

Sewer lift stations affected are the treatment plant, S I, S4, SS, S9.

The Sadog Tasi traffic light will be affected.

There will also be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 5:30am to 1:30pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow CUC line crew to safely change out eight wooden power poles with concrete power poles along Airport Road (Chalan Tun Herman Pan). This is part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation program to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

Areas to be affected include Chalan Tun Herman Pan (Commerce P1., Skydive P1., Dancing P1., Gapet Ln., Kaling Dr., Exploring Dr., Swimming Ln., Tourist Lp., Diving Ln., Ganggoche Dr., Tuba Ln., Langet Pl., and Saagh P1.), Partials of Flame Tree Road (Sineso Lane) and Partials of As Lito Drive (Cocos Pl., Binakle P1., and Peilu Pl.)

Water wells to be affected: IF-105, DD-7, and DD-8

Wastewater lifts stations to be affected: A-13 and A-14

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, travelers are encouraged to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Businessman, company seek court's default judgment vs defendants in racketeering suit

Korean businessman Il Hwan Kim and his former company are requesting the federal court to issue a default judgment against three persons who are among those named in their racketeering lawsuit.

Kim and KSA Corp., through counsel Jennifer Dockter, stated that the U.S. District Court for the NMI's clerk of the court entered last Nov. 23 a default judgment against Hun Jin An, Jeong Eun Tack, and Joann P. Hensley.

Dockter said An, Tack and Hensley continue to fail to file any answer or other responsive pleadings.

Dockter said the period in which An, Tack, and Hensley were to answer has expired.

In an order on Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI magistrate judge Heather L. Kennedy set a case management conference for March 31 at 10:30am.

Kim and KSA allege in their lawsuit that the defendants conspired to steal millions of dollars from him for his hotel and casino project on Saipan.

Aside from the three defendants, Kim and KSA Corp. are suing former Department of Public Lands employee Ramon S. Salas and 10 unnamed co-defendants pursuant to Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act and other causes of action.

The plaintiffs asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Yamamoto denies ship owners' counterclaims for fraud, others

Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto has denied the allegations in the counterclaims filed against him by the owners of cargo ship M/V *Luta*.

Yamamoto, through George Lloyd Hasselback, has denied the allegations contained in the complaint brought by defendants Luta Mermaid LLC, Luta Mermaid president Abelina T. Mendiola, and Luta Mermaid members Deron T. Mendiola and Fidel S. Mendiola III.

Aside from counterclaims for fraud, the M/V *Luta* owners filed counterclaims against Yamamoto for invalid arrest of the ship and breach of fiduciary duty.

The ship's owners, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Yamamoto liable to pay them damages.

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Only 22 units left for Saipan Comfort Homes

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Of the 40 units available at Saipan Comfort Homes, only 22 are left available for rent, even as the fourth Triple J housing project held its official ribbon cutting yesterday.

The housing project is part of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, or the LIHTC program, a federal program that allows for the use of private equity for the development of affordable housing.

According to representatives of Triple J, all legal residents of the CNMI, regardless of citizenship, are eligible to apply for the housing, which costs $640 monthly and is fully furnished. It is located at Chalan Tun Antonio Apa, right across the Northern Marianas College.

One thing to keep in mind, though, is that the housing project is only for low-income tenants, meaning there is a maximum household annual income limit.

For one person, the limit cap is at $26,040. Interested applicants who are planning to live alone in the housing project but has an annual income of more than $26,040 would be denied.

For a family of two, the limit bumps up to $29,760; for three people the limit is at $33,480; for four people the limit is at $37,200; and for five people the limit is $40,200 combined.

For those who avail of Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s Section 8 voucher, applicants would have to clarify with the leasing office regarding certain conditions of stay. Nonetheless, those that avail of Section 8 are qualified to apply.

The lease lasts for a year and may or may not be renewed by the tenant.

The unit is about 1,000 square foot and features two bedrooms, two bathroom units, garbage disposal, solid surface countertops, reverse osmosis drinking water, solar hot water system, typhoon-proof double pane windows, typhoon shutters, ceiling fans in every room, ceramic floors, access to a primary generator, uncovered parking, and an energy efficient refrigerator, stove/oven, washer, and dryer.

The housing area hosts a gated community, security cameras, a basketball and volleyball court, a community center, access to Wi-Fi, and a fitness room.

As of this writing, five out of 18 units are already occupied by tenants.

According to Triple J leasing manager Sophia Dela Cruz, the processing time takes at least two days, given that all necessary documents are present.

For more information, contact Triple J through landline at 235-7263, through email at leasing@triplejsaipan.com, or contact Dela Cruz through her mobile number at 483-0283.

EX-MAYOR

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the government, represented by assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley. The former mayor appeared at the Rota Superior Court at the change of plea hearing while his lawyer, Holley, and prosecutor Baisley, were on Saipan and appeared via telephone.

Mendiola waived his right to a presentence investigation report.

Naraja placed Mendiola on supervised probation for six months and ordered him to pay a $100 probation fee and $25 court assessment fee.

The former mayor paid the fees in full after the hearing.

According to the plea deal, Mendiola removed without authority several serving tables owned by the government on or between September 2014 and Feb. 26, 2015, on Rota.

His co-defendants were also placed on six months of probation and ordered to pay $25 in court assessment fee and $80 probation fee.

In addition, Naraja ordered Apatang to pay a $550 fine, Tina Atalig to pay a $555 fine, and Stacey Atalig to complete 100 hours of community service.

According to the plea deal, Alfred Apatang, Tina Atalig, and Stacey Atalig removed without authority two laptops owned by the government on or between September 2014 and Feb. 27, 2015 on Rota.

Alfred Apatang is the former field supervisor of Mendiola. Tina Atalig is the former secretary of Mendiola. Stacey Atalig is the former Rota Finance resident director.

Involved in this case were "four laptops with values ranging from $975 to $2,049, as well as nine picnic tables."

The Office of Public Auditor initiated the investigation after receiving a letter from Rota Mayor Efrain M. Atalig, asking it to investigate questionable transactions. According to an OPA report, Atalig discovered that government properties such as computer laptops, folding tables, typewriter, and other items were unaccounted for or missing.

LEGISLATURE

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chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said they had instructed OPM to work with the Department of Finance to make sure that this time all employees' payment will be accounted for.

"There was a supplemental appropriation of $40 million and OPM provided us a listing with accompanying figures of eligible employees that were affected by PL 11-59. The initial appropriation of $1.4 million has been exhausted and we learned that not all people that were affected and eligible were paid," said Hofschneider.

OPM director Isidro K. Seman, Employment Development and Staffing director Joseph Pangelinan, and a representative from DoF informed Hofschneider and committee members that only $900 is left from the more than $1.4 million to fund the lump-sum wages.

"There's $900 left from the account right now. There's no more money. Well, there's still some money left but only $900," said Hofschneider.

Yet there are still 130 active and inactive employees who have not received their lump-sum wages. Active employees are still working in government while inactive ones either retired or are no longer employed in the public sector.

Hofschneider said that the Legislature had based its decisions on information provided by OPM. "Initially they submitted the list that amounted to $1.4 million, but now it is exhausted and we still have people who are qualified that have yet to receive their money."

"The [Legislature] wants to know what's the game plan and we need to address this since this is the money of eligible employees who worked hard for it. We want to make sure everything is covered, and settled, once and for all."

Hofschneider added that the $1.4 million that they allocated did not include fringe benefits and other deductibles like taxes. "We don't want to say OPM made a mistake but we based our numbers on the information they gave us. Whatever the [OPM] submitted, if ever they made a mistake or not, that's for them to find out."

"We're just going to wait for their report. We need the true figures that will be transmitted to us for consideration. …We're going to wait for whatever they submit, then we'll work to identify funds."

Hofschneider is optimistic the Legislature could find the needed funds to cover the remaining 100-plus employees. "Everything is possible. There's no deadline, [OPM] can submit it anytime as long as the report they give is accurate. As much as possible, we want to pay everybody to be fair to all."

Concerns by constituents

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) said those who have not received their lump-sum salaries brought up the issue.

He said House members would continue to discuss the issue so that the Legislature could do its part in order for all qualified employees to finally receive their money.

"Some House members have already met with OPM. We need to look more into the issue and get more information from OPM. We want to know how much money they would need before we could start identifying funds."

"As long as OPM submits the information, we could appropriate funding so everybody gets what they deserve. We only learned about this last week. We're looking into the issue right now and we're getting information as much as possible before we identify funding."

He added the Legislature, OPM, and Finance should work together. "[OPM and Finance] need to put the numbers together so they could put the request to the Legislature for us to straighten this out and identify the needed funds."

YAMAMOTO

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Hasselback said the counterclaims are barred in whole or in part.

Yamamoto is suing Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and the owners of M/V Luta for allegedly refusing to pay back the $3.4 million that he put up for the vessel. The ship was seized shortly after the U.S. Marshal Service arrested the vessel last Oct. 25.

Last Feb. 22, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter ordered the immediate release of the ship to its owners after Yamamoto reached a settlement agreement with the vessel's custodian.

The federal court earlier determined that Yamamoto's relationship with Abelina Mendiola and her family demonstrated that he was a joint venturer with them in M/V Luta. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

STUDENTS

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was "lassi."

Samantha Liske-Clark, eldest daughter of April Liske-Clark, a registered nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center's labor and delivery unit, told *Saipan Tribune* that the competition was "probably one of the scariest things I have ever done but it is also super fun."

"I don't regret anything. I didn't come in first but I did my best," said Samantha Liske-Clark. "I learned a lot. …The competition…really teaches you to be graceful under fire, because it is truly terrifying [to get] up on stage with everybody looking at you and try to not screw up. It really teaches you how to handle pressure."

Samantha Liske-Clark's mother, April, said she is very proud of not only her daughter but also of the other competitors.

"All of the [children] were so composed and positive, everyone really supported everyone else. Sam studied everyday since October and was well prepared for the competition. It was very bittersweet at the end. She had a championship opportunity and missed by one letter. I am just so extremely proud of her and her accomplishments," said April.

Despite her defeat, Samantha Liske-Clark remains upbeat and said she sees herself competing in even more contest as she enters high school.

FMS represented

Though likewise disappointed, King also told *Saipan Tribune* that he sees himself competing in future spelling bees and going beyond fifth place.

King said the experience was good compared to last year, in which he didn't really perform too well.

King thanked his mom for supporting him and pushing him to do well in the spelling bee.

"She [pushed] me to do this for my future," said King. "This could affect my high school or college and it would be a great [addition] to my diploma."

Like Samantha Liske-Clark, King wishes to go to college after high school, but has yet to set his sights on a specific university or college to attend.

King was chaperoned to Guam by his mother, Christine Acebedo, FMS principal James Sablan, Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, and FMS English, Language, and Arts teachers Marylou Dejillas, Cinnabon Diaz, and Beverly Surla.

According to Sablan, King was very relaxed during the competition.

"At the day of the spelling bee, he was as casual as he was," recalled Sablan. "He wore what he wanted to wear but he was just in the zone—even I was surprised. We had a very good year and [King] was asking to repeat the words over and over again to be able to distinguish the spelling."

Sablan said that King was obviously dedicated to win.

"[King] has potential. He did a good job and according to [Acebedo], he was studying at home," said Sablan.

King said the experience helps expand his vocabulary and assists with his studies.

"If I am reading something and I don't know the words, I could maybe encounter it in the spelling bee," said King. "It helps with my studies."

Both Samantha Liske-Clark and Anthony King competed against 56 other students from elementary and middle schools in Guam, Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and Pohnpei at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. The champion, Dela Cruz, will go to Washington, D.C. in May to compete at the 90th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

MVA turns over pathway to DPW

With the final payment made on the restoration of the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway, the Marianas Visitors Authority has officially returned the pathway to the Department of Public Works.

MVA

With the completion of the relighting of the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway as one of its destination enhancement projects, the Marianas Visitor Authority officially turned over the completed project to the Department of Public Works on March 1, 2017.

Since 2015, the MVA has invested over $711,000 toward the restoration of lighting along the popular lagoon pathway, including the installation of new electrical lines and lamp posts.

"It's been a great partnership with DPW and the contractor to make this project a reality," said MVA product development manager Tatiana Babauta. "So many residents and visitors are now able to more safely use the pathway in the evening hours, which is just wonderful. And we strongly encourage everyone to take responsibility for the pathway and report vandalism or any other suspicious behavior to the police immediately. Let's keep the pathway lit!"

The turnover was formalized in a letter this week from MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion to Public Works Secretary James Ada. The project was undertaken by RNV Construction. The Beach Road Pathway project is part of the MVA's ongoing destination enhancement on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. ***(MVA)***

Over $700K is re-appropriated for Tinian

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed a local law last week that re-appropriates $799,558 to fund the operations and programs in the Second Senatorial District.

The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation passed House Local Bill 20-2, S1 last month and it is now Tinian Local Law 20-1.

The money is re-appropriated for the use of the Mayor's Office of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan to fund its daily operations and public programs as well as for personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission.

The money will be transferred to an account set by the Tinian Municipal Treasurer, who will then control the distribution of the re-appropriated funds.

The regulation is set in place so that spending activity would be in line with TLL 20-1 and remains within the CNMI or municipality's fiscal management policies.

The appropriated money is without fiscal year limitations. ***(Jon Perez)***

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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its ICC meeting on Wednesday, March 08, 2017 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, at the C*DAC office, Garapan, Saipan. This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
- a. Roll call
- b. Adoption of Agenda
- c. Review Minutes

II. Coordinator's Report
- SSIP Phase III Stakeholder In put Session
- Grant Application 2017

III. Open Discussion

IV. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 664-4814. Several days' notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

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Margaret Aldan
Chairwoman

/s/
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For 6th straight year, BoG offers $10K scholarships

HAGATNA, Guam—Applications are now available for Bank of Guam's 2017 IFIT Scholarship Program, which makes $2,000 available to five graduating high school seniors to attend a U.S.-accredited four-year college or university. The scholarship also includes a paid summer internship at the bank's branches.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

1. Reside in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or San Francisco, California;
2. Be high school seniors, Class of 2017 (copies of transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores required);
3. Submit application by March 11, 2017, to Bank of Guam, ATTN: Communications Department;
4. Submit three letters of recommendation, two from a teacher or administrator from the student's high school and one from a reference of choice; and
5. Submit answers to three essay questions (see brochure for additional rules), and a one-minute video clip about the applicant.

The scholarship will be available for use at any four-year U.S. accredited college or university. Up to 10 semi-finalists will be selected by April 2017 and will then be required to submit additional documents, including an acceptance letter to a U.S. accredited four-year college or university. The final five recipients will be announced by June 2017.

Applications are available online at www.bankofguam.com, at all Bank of Guam branches, Customer Service Department in Hagatna Branch and the Communications Department. They have also been distributed to local and neighboring island high schools. ***(PR)***

IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LAWSUIT

No hearing on Carolinian marriage custom issue as OAG withdraws motion

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Superior Court did not have to hold a hearing on marriage customs among Carolinians after the Office of the Attorney General withdrew its motion to dismiss one of the claims in a couple's medical malpractice lawsuit.

The evidentiary hearing was scheduled to begin last Tuesday, but assistant attorney general Christopher Timmons, counsel for the CNMI government, withdrew the government's motion to dismiss Pedro Pua's loss of consortium claim without admission of fact.

Timmons also expressed the government's full reservation of the right to defend against Pua's loss of consortium claim by dispositive motion or at trial.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho vacated the evidentiary hearing.

The issue of Carolinian customary relationships was brought up in the government's motion to dismiss Pua's complaint for loss of consortium. Pua's co-plaintiff is her common-law husband, Remedio Elameto.

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Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to workforcesolutions.recruitment@gmail.com. To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than **5:00PM on March 15, 2017.**

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Interested applicants must submit applications or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc., in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit application will be March 07, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call (670) 234-2901 ext. 128.

PUBLIC MEETING

The office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse, under the auspices of the Governor, will file an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to retrofit and acquire a new office vehicle.

A public meeting for comments will be held at 4:30 pm. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Governor's Conference Room, Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building Capitol Hill.

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is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

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Guest Relations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 2 to 4 years supervisory work experience in Front Office of a hotel. High school diploma or general education degree; or 3 to 6 months related experience and /or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Ensure maximum guest satisfaction, and adhering to the standard requiring by the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early morning, nights, weekends and holidays.

Guest Relations Agent (4)
Qualifications: Preferable some basic knowledge of travel/hotel industry. Minimum 3 to 6 months related work experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Ensure maximum guest satisfaction, and adhering to the standard requiring by the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early morning, nights, weekends and holidays.

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least 2 to 4 years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Knowledge of various international menu/dishes. Knowledge of techniques and equipment for planting, growing, and harvesting food products (both plant and animal) for consumption, including storage/handling techniques. Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays when needed.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Generator System Supply and Installation- Department of Public Safety
RFP17-GOV-076

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to supply and install a generator for the Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning February 28, 2017 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2017 at the Department Public Safety conference room in Susupe.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the HMGP Office attn.: Leona DLG. Sablan, in writing via e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, March 22, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2.	Work load and resources to accomplish work	10%
3.	Project Approach & Schedule	10%
4.	Cost	50%

Performance time for completion of this project is 120 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-076 Generator System Supply and Installation- Department of Public Safety. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 6, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, April 6, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 6, 2017 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than April 18, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Virginia C. Villagomez
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Developmental Disabilities Awareness Health Walk

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Participants in the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Health Walk head out to the course during last Saturday's event that was held in observance of the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Over 100 joined the nearly three-mile walk from the Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field in Sinapalo on Rota to the scenic Alaguan Bay Lookout and back.

Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, front row right, and other participants in the morning walk wait for the start of the event.

TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, fourth left, is joined by the company's employees, executives, and Rota's Sherry Ann Atalig on their way out of the course.

Participants in the morning walk head back to the starting line.

TanHoldings employees do the Rota wave as they go through the first mile of the walk.

A Sinapalo Elementary School student signs up for the event, while TanHoldings vice president for corporate affairs Catherine Attao-Toves waits for her turn.

Sinapalo Elementary School students slow down as they pose for a photo on their way back to the starting line.

A staff from Rota Health Center gets the blood pressure of one of the participants in the walk.

Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior and Senior High School students line up to have their sugar level tested.

Parent workshop takes a look at illegal drug problem

The islands' illegal drug problem was front and center in Friday's Parent Leadership Workshop hosted by the Division of Youth Services and attended by about 100 parents at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

One of the speakers, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo, is dismayed at how serious the issue is, reaching children in middle school.

Govendo told the attendees of the workshop that education is key in the fight against drugs, citing a few examples of many of the cases he goes through as he handles the CNMI family courts.

Citing his experience as both a parent and as Chacha Oceanview Middle School principal, Vincent Dela Cruz underscored the importance of education, not only for students but for parents as well.

"It's a sad thing here in the CNMI. It affects our kids a lot, it just poses a lot of emotional effects on our kids. It is something I believe has no overnight fix and Judge Govendo is right in saying that the first step to address this problem is to admit that there is an issue," said Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz believes that parents have a lot to offer when it comes to the fight against drugs and that parents are a huge influence on children.

"Do some weekend activities and take your kids out to places—go to restaurants, go [anywhere], just do some family-oriented activities" urged Dela Cruz.

DYS administrator Vivian Sablan said the workshop, which has been going in every year for 13 years now, was modeled after Parents Anonymous Inc., an organization dedicated to ensure meaningful parent and youth leadership through the experience and hardships other parents had to go through. Sablan added that DYS inform parents of its programs and services. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Marianas Insurance offers $5,000 hole-in-one prize for golf tourney

Marianas Insurance Co., Ltd. is offering a $5,000 hole-in-one prize for the 14th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament on March 18, 2017.

"For the past several years, Marianas Insurance has supported the NMC Foundation's efforts to raise funds for student programs, facilities, and services," said Marianas Insurance general manager Lillian S. Cabrera. "We are excited to be a part of this year's tournament again and wish all the golfers luck!"

The NMC Foundation is composed of volunteers committed to expanding higher education opportunities for the people of the CNMI. The golf tournament is the NMC Foundation's signature event that raises funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

"We are thankful for Marianas Insurance's unwavering support of the college," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

"The hole-in-one prizes donated by Marianas Insurance as well as the other prizes also worth thousands of dollars fuels the excitement of the event," said Mary Tenorio, NMC Foundation board chair.

The 14th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort (east course). Show time is at 6am and the shotgun start will be at 7am. The tournament will follow a medal play format.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Ladies Flights will each receive $500 cash, while $300 and $200 will go to the second and third place finishers.

Registration and payment can be made at Laolao Bay Golf Resort or the NMC Cashier's Office. For sponsorship opportunities or registration information, visit marianas.edu or call 237-6833. ***(NMC)***

Woman accuses boyfriend of assault

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REPORTER

A woman has accused her boyfriend of punching her and pulling her hair last Wednesday in China Town during an argument.

Anthony Eugenio is now facing charges of disturbing the peace and assault and battery. Eugenio's bail was set at $5,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on March 9, 2017.

Responding to a report, police went to the house of Liberty Garde on March 1, 2017, in China Town. Police found Garde with her shirt torn and in tears. She told police that her boyfriend, Eugenio, beat her up.

Later, at around 5pm that same day, police spotted Eugenio and arrested him.

The next day, in an interview with police, Garde said that around 1pm she, with Eugenio and their three children, were in the car heading to As Terlaje to visit a friend when Garde and Eugenio started arguing.

During this argument, Eugenio allegedly grabbed Garde by the hair and repeatedly hit Garde's head against the car's dashboard. He also allegedly punches her head.

At one point, Eugenio pulled over at the shoulder of the road, opened Garde's door, and tried to force her to get out, tearing her shirt in the process.

As soon as they reach their home in China Town, Garde got down and Eugenio left with their other two children. That's when Garde decided to call the police.

Garde told the police that this was not the first time Eugenio has hit her, that he has been hitting her since they got together five years ago.

She claims that Eugenio tried to push her out of their car during arguments a couple of times during her last pregnancy but she managed to hold on.

IT&, BECQ launch phonebook roundup

Running its first year in the CNMI, IT&E and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality have teamed up with Yellow Pages Ink and schools to recover and recycle old phonebooks printed in previous years.

IT&E chief operating officer John Compton said that partnering with BECQ to bring the phonebook roundup to the CNMI is one of many initiatives to begin more sustainable business practices.

"IT&E and BECQ know that protecting our environment takes consistent effort but together we hope to educate our youth about the environment and the need for recycling. We are recovering old phonebooks and recycling the paper into reusable items. Our program began in February and will end in April and hopefully continue annually," Compton said.

In preparation or Environmental Awareness Month in April, BECQ's recycling committee noted that the concept of environmental protection needs to be addressed starting within the schools.

IT&E will be sponsoring two recycling competitions.

"The phone book roundup and the 67Zero waste recycling will be for both public and private schools. By combining our efforts and resources with local agencies, we can strengthen our outreach for waste reduction to the community," said EAM chair Jonathan Arriola.

The contest will run until April 7 and participants will have a chance to win up to $5,000 in cash prizes. All schools will be asked to collect, count, and temporarily store all old phonebooks and contact a BECQ representative to coordinate the collection. A receipt will be issued to each entrant for the number of books deposited.

BECQ reminds participants that phonebooks must be dry, clean, and not contaminated. Current 2017 phonebooks are not eligible for collection.

For more information regarding the Phonebook Roundup and the 67Zero Waste Competition or for collection, call 664-8505, 664-8545 or email juaniguel@becq.gov.mp or leilanisdlg@becq.gov.mp. ***(IT&E)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter Of The Adoption Of: N.J.C.R (2/6/2017) Minor Child By: Pedro Jeffrey Itibus Roligat and Pauline Camacho Roligat	FCD-AD-CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0089
Petitioner (s)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 17th day of April, 2017 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Govendo.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2017.

By: Patrick V. Diaz,
Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RAMON M. BERMUDES JR. PETITIONER	FCD – DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0094
VS. NANCY D. BERMUDES RESPONDENT	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502627, CK, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 08, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
January 28, 2017

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS[1]

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Discussion for Pending Applications

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION[2]

VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/Antonio L. Borja
Chairman[3]

[1] *We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.*

[2] *Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.*

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EDITORIAL

Well, Trump sounded more presidential, but …

Did President Trump make the sale, or sell America a bill of goods Tuesday night? Both.

Like those of his predecessors, Trump's first speech to a Congress had something for everyone. He lifted heavily from the Republican playbook: Free trade. Tax cuts. Strong defense. National security. School choice. Deregulation. Repeal and replace. Law and order.

Then, he veered far off course: Paid family leave drew gasps from both sides of the aisle. Affordable childcare. Investing in women's health. Clean air. Clear water. And, get this, "Find common ground to advance the common good."

This from the man for whom creating divisions was a successful political strategy.

If Trump's speech was the final realization that he is the U.S. president, not the Ugly American in Chief, then more power to him. If it was a cynical attempt to play the American people for fools, then we will have to watch, closely, what he does, not what he says.

He kicked off his speech with a nod to Black History Month and the work that needs to done. Not sure what he meant here. After all, his attorney general, Jeff Sessions, just back off of pushing back against Texas' voter ID laws to make it harder for minorities to vote.

Then again, he spoke at some length, and more authentically than he did during the campaign, about the soul-killing scourge of violent crime in inner cities, a topic the Democrats ceded ages ago, to their shame.

Trump's vision was long and wide. The depth will be determined by Congress.

President Trump said he will launch a $1 trillion investment effort to rebuild the country's infrastructure and create 1 million new jobs to overhaul the country roads and bridges—and also overhaul our health and education systems.

He spoke of breaking the cycles of poverty and violence. And to the shock of some in the audience announced the creation of an agency for victims of crimes committed by illegal immigrants.

But when it's time for the rubber to meet the road, how much will Congress agree to pony up? Republicans there are already backing off of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act—Obamacare. Those who had the nerve to show up at town hall meetings during the recess got an earful from their constituents, who actually like the program, warts and all.

And with all the tax cuts for business and the middle class, where the money comes from for these initiatives needs to be carefully vetted.

Trump needed to make friends, unite, inspire, attract, not repel. but reach out to the other side. The White House promised Trump's tone on Tuesday would be upbeat. And given the black storm clouds that hovered over Trump's inauguration speech, it was—subdued and, yes, presidential.

But the president is an actor, too. Watch what he does, not what he says.

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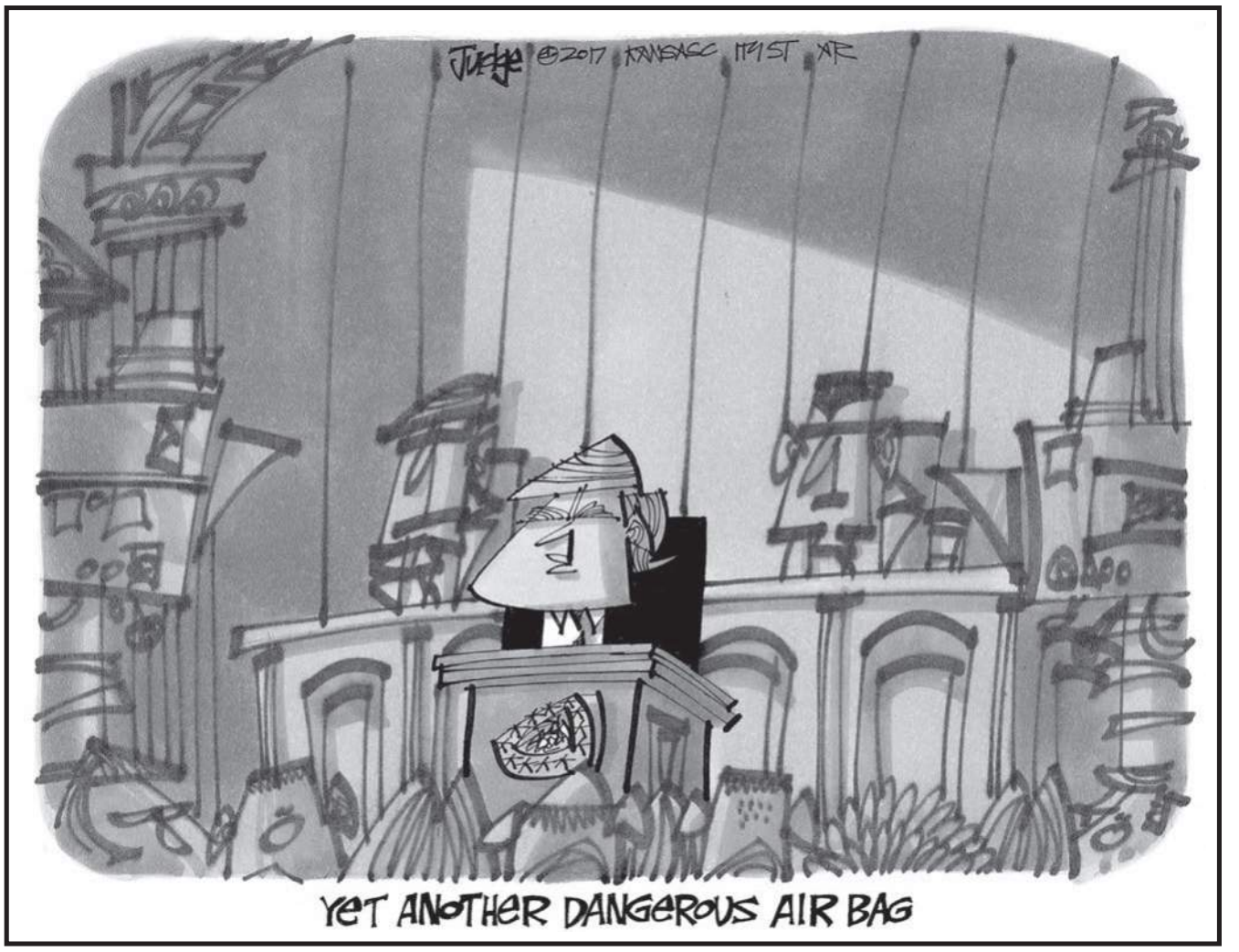

Fake news on the left

By ANN FRIEDMAN
Los Angeles Times

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Last fall, as Native American protesters gathered at Standing Rock to stop the completion of the Dakota Access pipeline, several of my friends "checked in" at the protest on Facebook. They were nowhere near South Dakota. They had heard—through urgent posts by other friends who were not present either—that fake geo-tagging would protect protesters at the site from monitoring by law enforcement. NPR reported that more than a million people "checked in" at the protest camp, a digital version of the "I am Spartacus" strategy.

But the local sheriff's office told reporters that it hadn't been monitoring protesters using Facebook geo-tags. And leaders of the protest said they had never asked far-flung allies to change their locations on social media.

The geo-tagging fad was a harmless way for people to express solidarity. It was also, arguably, part of a bigger problem with how information spreads online in the Trump era.

Fake news, as defined by the Columbia Journalism Review, is "misinformation crafted to influence public opinion or cull digital advertising dollars." When researchers from Stanford and New York University analyzed misinformation that spread on social media during the 2016 campaign, they found that more fake news articles were pro-Donald Trump than pro-Hillary Clinton.

But in the months since the election, President Trump has made "fake news" his primary critique of any unfavorable coverage. The president applies the label to everything from independent polls finding scant support for his policies to leaked reports that his administration is in disarray.

If the term has been rendered meaningless, the underlying notion still holds up: People are too quick to share articles that confirm their beliefs. (In December, a Pew study found that 23 percent of U.S. adults had shared a made-up news story, either knowingly or not.) And despite liberals' self-perception that we are more fact-oriented than your average Trump supporter, this is not a weakness limited to the right.

To spread misinformation, you don't have to share a clicky headline from a dubious source. Sometimes all you have to do is take a meme too seriously. Take, for example, a well-circulated animated GIF of Melania Trump during the inauguration ceremony. The clip shows her smiling while her husband is facing her, then dropping the smile as soon as he turns away. For those of us who want to believe that even those closest to the president secretly hate him, the GIF was a balm. "This Melania Trump GIF is all of us," crowed Cosmopolitan. The first lady's perceived unhappiness became one of the more popular liberal memes of the week, with captions like, "Blink twice if you want us to save you."

The joke faded faster than her smile when advocates for survivors of abuse published blog posts imploring us to take seriously the suggestion that domestic violence might be an issue in the White House. The blog Queerty claimed it had found "another candid video of Donald Trump treating Melania like crap." An online joke had become a pretty serious story—and allegation—with scant evidence to back it up.

A few sites, including Media-ite, posted the inauguration coverage in full, which placed the short viral clip in context. It appears the smile drops quickly from Melania Trump's face because the GIF was captured during a prayer—not exactly a moment for joking around on the dais. But the corrective was lost in a deluge of memes.

No one shared it in my feed. I found it only because I went looking for it.

Was the Melania Trump smiling meme fake news?

Probably not as most on the left would define it, because no one intended to mislead the public or drive clicks to a single website. But political wishful thinking carried the story past the point of absurdity.

Memes aren't the only unlikely way that alternative facts circulate in liberal circles. Like our counterparts on the right, those of us on the left don't always trust established journalistic institutions to cover certain issues thoroughly—especially when it comes to marginalized people who aren't likely to be perceived as potential advertisers or subscribers. Groups including Native American activists, transgender teens and immigrants in the country illegally have long relied heavily on word of mouth for information.

When immigration officers stepped up enforcement efforts, resulting in raids across the country, gossip spread across social media faster than journalists were able to confirm or debunk it.

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Addiction

By JEANNE RAYPHAND
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Addiction is characterized by:

A. Inability to consistently **A**bstain;
B. Impairment in **B**ehavioral control;
C. **C**raving; or increased "hunger" for drugs or rewarding experiences;

D. **D**iminished recognition of significant problems with one's behaviors and interpersonal relationships; and

E. A dysfunctional **E**motional response.

"In addiction there is a significant impairment in executive functioning, which manifests in problems with perception, learning, impulse control, compulsivity, and judgment."

And "[p]ersistent risk and/or recurrence of relapse, after periods of abstinence, is another fundamental feature of addiction."

"[A]ddiction can cause disability or premature death, especially when left untreated or treated inadequately."

"As in other health conditions, self-management, with mutual support, is very important in recovery from addiction. Peer support such as that found in various "self-help" activities is beneficial in optimizing health status and functional outcomes in recovery."

"Recovery from addiction is best achieved through a combination of self-management, mutual support, and professional care provided by trained and certified professionals."

(The foregoing information was obtained from ASAM American Society of Addiction Medicine, http://www.asam.org/quality-practice/definition-of-addiction.)

Commonly abused drugs

"Most drugs of abuse can alter a person's thinking and judgment, leading to health risks, including addiction, drugged driving, and infectious diseases. Most drugs could potentially harm an unborn baby…"

Some of the most commonly abused drugs include: alcohol, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine.

For some drugs, there are no FDA-approved medications to treat the addiction and therefore treatment options consist of behavioral therapies, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy and contingency management or motivation incentives.

In the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, we often hear about alcohol addiction and methamphetamine addiction and the effect on family and friends and the community as a whole.

The effect of alcohol varies from person to person, depending on how much and how often the person drinks, and the age, health, and family history of the person. Although drinking alcohol is itself not necessarily a problem, drinking too much can cause a range of consequences and increase one's risk for a variety of problems.

Methamphetamine is an extremely addictive stimulant drug. "Short-term health effects include increased wakefulness and physical activity, decreased appetite, and increased blood pressure and body temperature. …Long-term health effects include risk of contracting HIV and hepatitis; severe dental problems ("meth mouth"); intense itching, leading to skin sores from scratching; violent behavior; and paranoia…[and] "[w]hen people stop taking it, withdrawal symptoms can include anxiety, fatigue, severe depression, psychosis, and intense drug cravings."

(This information was provided by National Institute on Drug Abuse, www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse.)

For substance abuse prevention or treatment services in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, contact the Community Guidance Center, Navy Hill, Saipan, by telephone at 323-6560 or email at www.chcc.gov.mp.

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Imagine if all this happened during Obama's first weeks in office

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I want you to stand in front of a mirror.

Now I want you to imagine Barack Obama is 40 days into his presidency, and that during his campaign he repeatedly and inexplicably praised Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Next imagine that late in the campaign and in the weeks that followed the election that brought Obama into office, American intelligence agencies determined conclusively that Russia had hacked the Republican National Committee and released thousands of stolen emails that were damaging to Obama's opponent.

And that Obama's campaign vigorously denied any contact with Russian officials before or after the election.

Then, imagine that not long after the inauguration, Obama's national security adviser was found to have lied about having contact with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. He, in fact, spoke with the ambassador in December, the day the outgoing president issued sanctions against Russia for interfering with the election.

The adviser was fired.

Questions persisted. More evidence began to surface that people connected to Obama had been in contact with the Russians during the campaign.

Imagine that President Obama continued to deny there was any issue and brushed off reports as "fake news," criticizing the intelligence community for leaking information to the press.

As calls for an investigation into the Obama campaign's connections to Russia grew louder, news broke that Obama's new attorney general had been less than honest during his confirmation hearing when asked if he had contact with the Russians. He said he hadn't, but it turns out he had met twice with the Russian ambassador, one of those times during the Democratic National Convention.

Imagine the attorney general said his meetings were part of his work as a senator, but then news came out that the trip to the convention was paid for through the then-senator's campaign fund.

Under pressure, Obama's attorney general finally recused himself from investigations into issues surrounding the campaign and Russia.

Now imagine at this point, which again is in Obama's first 40 days as president, you learn that the fired national security adviser actually met with the Russian ambassador at Obama's house in Chicago, along with Obama's son-in-law. (You also have to imagine that Malia Obama is married and that a staffer in Obama's White House recently tried to push Malia's clothing line in a nationally televised interview. I know this is hard, just keep that imagination going.)

Next you learn that an Obama campaign official who made a change to the Democratic Party platform during its national convention, a change Russia would like _ the only change that candidate Obama's campaign requested _ also met with the Russian ambassador during the Democratic National Convention.

Imagine all of these things. And remember that President Obama and members of his campaign all said specifically and repeatedly that there had been no contact with Russia.

Imagine.

Now look into that mirror in front of you.

If this were true, would you think there should be an independent investigation into contacts between the Obama campaign and Russia? Are you angry?

If you answered yes to either of those questions and you don't feel the same way right now about the connections between Donald Trump's campaign and Russia, you need to ask yourself: What is the difference between these two men?

Now look in the mirror again, long and hard. Because you have one last question to ask yourself.

And I think you know what it is.

Minus recklessness, Trump outlines strong platform

By RAMESH PONNURU
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Donald Trump has inspired two sets of doubts among Republicans: characterological and ideological. Conservatives feared that he lacks the maturity and self-discipline to be a good president, and that he does not believe what we do.

In his speech to Congress, he temporarily put the first set of questions on hold and showed the political power of a sober version of his unconservative political philosophy.

Trump called on U.S. allies to pull their weight and said his job was not to represent the world _ but he did it while praising rather than trashing NATO. He talked, as he rarely does, about our Muslim allies, too. He opened with a condemnation of violence and threats of violence against racial and religious minorities that would be unremarkable from any other president, but sounded unifying coming from him.

Just as notable was what Trump didn't do. He didn't promote his family's business interests, or settle scores, or call anyone an enemy of the people.

He called ISIS, rather than The New York Times, evil. Having spent much of the last two years lowering the bar for himself, Trump cleared it in his speech to Congress.

Republicans in the audience were obviously relieved. But they were cheering for a very different speech than most of them would have given.

Trump didn't even pay lip service to social conservatism, or to cutting total federal spending. Instead he talked up infrastructure spending, protectionism and child-care subsidies. He said nothing about financing his ambitious agenda. Maybe Chelsea Clinton will get it paid for when she's president.

People who like Trump's ideological heterodoxies say a more conventional Republican would not have won the election. Maybe they're right; or maybe a standard-issue Republican would have won with a slightly larger and different electoral coalition (as I suspect).

Whether or not Trump's stands on spending and trade helped him, though, they certainly did not do much to hurt him.

And when Trumpism is shorn of the recklessness that usually accompanies it, it can be a pretty strong platform for a president _ as Trump showed in his effective, expensive speech.

FAKE

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"Reports of ICE #raids and #checkpoints NEED TO COME WITH PICTURES OR FACEBOOK LIVE," tweeted Fusion immigration reporter Jorge Rivas. "Rumors are spreading and it's causing even more anxiety."

The root cause of left-wing rumor-mongering is fairly obvious. When the front-page headlines sound like conspiracy theories and plot lines from "House of Cards," it's easy to conflate unsourced rants on blogs and in public forums with reported facts.

And Cognitive scientists have found that it's much harder for us to skeptically assess stories that confirm our beliefs rather than challenge our view of the world.

Fake news isn't just a problem that afflicts others. The burden falls on all of us to read news items critically before we share them—no matter what our political persuasion or how pure our intentions.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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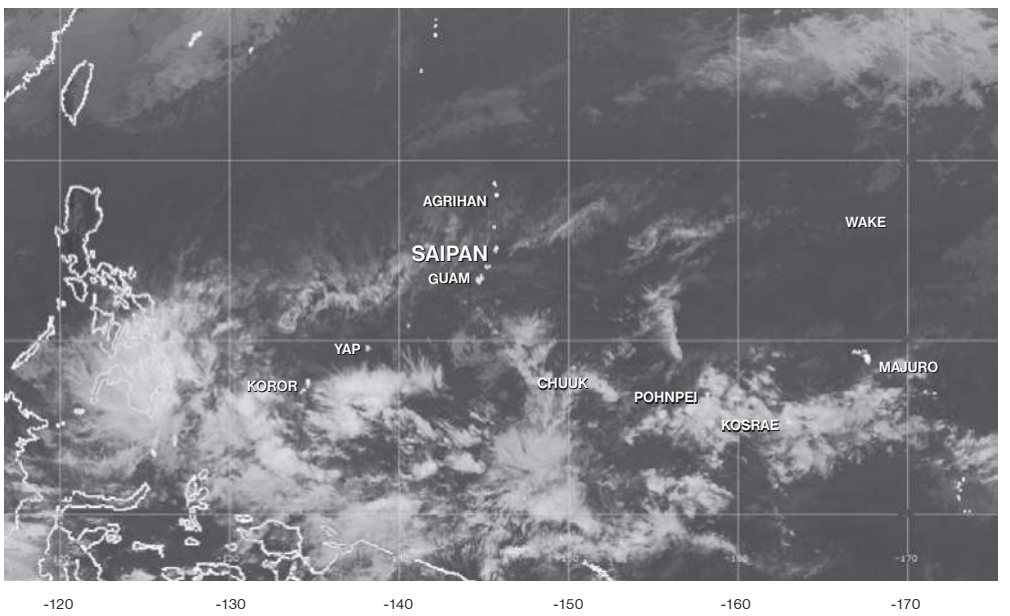
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Little change made to the forecast. A surface trough could be found southeast of the Marianas and just west of Chuuk. Models want to push this trough northwest towards the local area. GFS has the trough passing southwest of the Marianas later today, which seems too fast. ECMWF shows the trough passing west of the Marianas Tuesday. ECMWF seems to initialize better than GFS, but both have more showers than this mornings satellite imagery shows. Radar has shown an increase in showers south of Guam this morning, but not enough to justify any mention of scattered showers in the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Overcast	82 | 78 °F
Palau	Overcast	87 | 77 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	85 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Overcast	84 | 76 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	83 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Rain	83 | 78 °F
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	83 | 80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Clear	73 | 62 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	50 | 25 °F
Hong Kong	Scattered Clouds	75 | 64 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	80 | 66 °F
London	Clear	51 | 37 °F
Los Angeles	Clear	61 | 45 °F
Manila	Clear	90 | 72 °F
Melbourne	Clear	79 | 55 °F
Miami	Overcast	74 | 69 °F
New York	Clear	42 | 38 °F
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	55 | 40 °F
Paris	Clear	44 | 39 °F
Pusan	Clear	45 | 28 °F
Rome	Partly Cloudy	61 | 48 °F
Salem	Overcast	44 | 34 °F
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	55 | 45 °F
Seoul	Sunny	40 | 25 °F
Tokyo	Rain	53 | 40 °F
Washington, DC	Clear	56 |46 °F

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Today	6:30 AM	6:25 PM
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Saturday	6:27 AM	6:26 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
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UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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One-on-one with the governor

By ALEX MEGINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Editor's Note: Alex Megino is a sixth grade student at Tanapag Middle School. The following is an exclusive interview with Gov. Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres.

Question: Mr. Governor, without what (thing or action) you wouldn't start your day?

Answer: I have to start my day with my wife and have breakfast with my children before they start their day. It allows me to check in with them before my day gets busy. Then for the most part I drop them to school and this is the one thing that I cherish the most.

Q: You have six children. What example do you want to be for them or give them?

A: First lady Diann and I always try to set a good example for our children by showing them the importance of helping others, showing respect for our customs and our culture but most of all, to be good citizens and show humility and gratitude for the good fortune that they've been given. Above all, you have to show respect.

Q: Who was your role model when you were growing up?

A: My parents are absolutely at the top of my list of role models. My parents taught my siblings and I the importance of loving and respecting one another. I come from a big family and there were six of us growing up, so raising all of us was tough. They made sure that we loved one another and looked out for each other. Of course, I look up to my older brothers, they helped set the example our parents wanted for all of us which was to get a good education and to use what we learned to help those in need. There have been many role models in my life, some I feel are too numerous to mention, but all of them helped play a role in making who I am today.

Q: Do you play sports? And what exactly?

A: When I was younger living in Boise, I used to play basketball, football, ski, table tennis (ping pong) but today I play golf and do a lot of fishing and farming with my family. Of course, being a proud Boise Bronco, I've definitely developed a love for football.

Q: What would you call the secret to a happy childhood?

A: I would say that the key to a happy childhood is to respect your elders, honor your parents and be grateful for what you're given because when you have children of your own, we can only hope we can receive it back tenfold. What made my childhood the most memorable is the love I received from my parents, brothers and my lovely sister.

Q: As governor, what efforts do you do for the children of Saipan?

A: I try to look at avenues that can help advance educational opportunities for students. I always try to support as many opportunities for youth programs such as youth soccer and football, baseball and other recreational activities. We broke ground in October for a brand new soccer field in Koblerville and I am definitely excited to see the youth benefit from using it. As I mentioned earlier, I want to maintain traditional customs like speaking the Chamorro language in my home and with my children. If our children don't have a good grasp of those values, we could lose them over time. So as governor, I'm a big champion of seeing our youth develop academically, physically, and culturally.

Q: What professions do you consider most important to Saipan?

A: Every profession plays a role in bettering the CNMI. Of course, my mother was a teacher and the first lady is a teacher by trade. Teaching has always been a profession I've considered very important. I also believe those in healthcare are important because of the valued services they give. I also value those who work to keep our families and communities safe such as our police officers, our firefighters, and our first responders. However, every job that helps essential services and promotes commerce is important. Whatever you do, make sure it's your passion.

Q: Do you make decisions by yourself or with the consent of the Legislature?

A: Every head of state has a team of officials called a Cabinet and my Cabinet definitely does its best to help with decisions regarding essential services, just like they lean on me for guidance. My respect for collaboration also extends to the Legislature and the Judiciary. When I was a senator, my predecessors held regular leadership meetings to discuss important issues and this is something I still try to do as much as I can to make informed decisions and sound policy. Our government is a government of the people so I respect this process when it comes to making decisions that will affect the people of the Commonwealth.

Q: What will be your next law affecting children?

A: Other than the laws that have provided more funding to schools, the most recent law prohibiting smoking in the presence of minors is crucial to safeguarding our children's health. Keeping our children safe and healthy is a priority and any future bills that come my way that deal with keeping our youths safe and healthy will always have my support.

Q: What is your special message to all the women of Saipan for International Woman's Day?

A: My message for the women of the CNMI would be this: The fathers, sons, and daughters would be nothing without any of you. For giving us life, care, comfort, and most importantly—love—we can never pay the women of our community back for all they do for us. As the son of a strong woman and a partner to an equally strong woman, I hold women very highly and with my deepest respect, so be proud because, just as in the past, culturally and socially, women are still very important. To our women, thank you for all that you've done and continue to do. Never allow anyone to disrespect you in anyway. You deserve to be cherished and appreciated every single day.

Meet a student leader: Robert Malate

Robert Jomar Malate. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By YUUKI NISHIDA
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STUDENT REPORTER

National Student Leadership Week is dedicated to recognizing and supporting the importance of student leaders in the community. *Youngstyle* speaks with a student leader from Marianas High School to give its young readers an idea of what it takes to be a student leader.

Full Name: Robert Jomar Malate

School: Marianas High School

Grade: 12th

Personal Motto: "Ancora Imparo (I am still learning)" by Michelangelo

Clubs and leadership positions:

- National Honor Society president
- Aeronautical Dolphins lead aircraft design engineer
- Mock Trial team captain
- National Speech and Debate Association president

Question: What do you think are good qualities that a leader should have?

Answer: Personally, there are three distinct qualities that leaders should have. The number one quality is not being hypocritical. It's just extremely difficult to follow and respect authority when they themselves don't enforce their ideals.

The second one is to not stand on the side. Always

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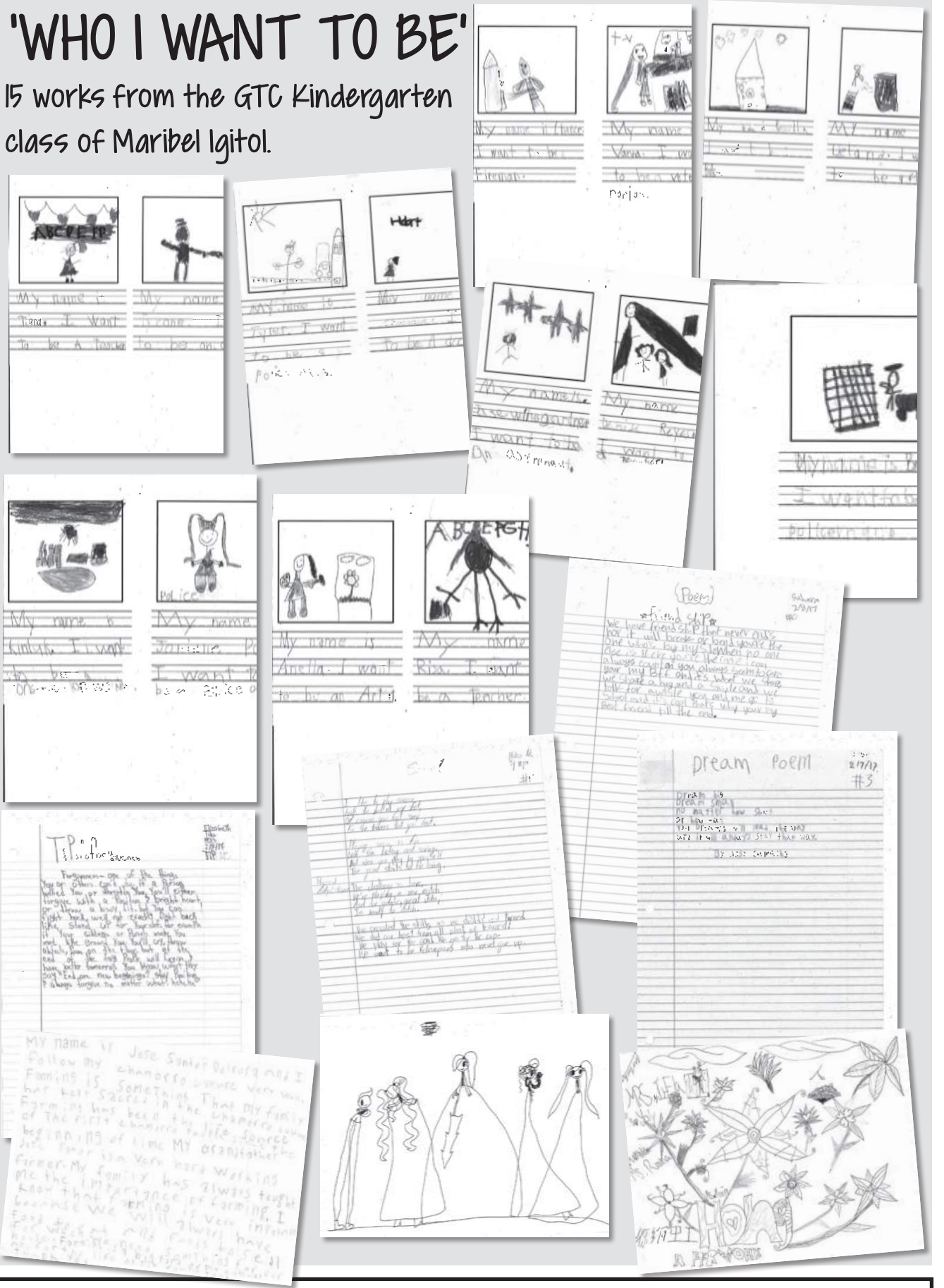
True Gentleman's Code

1. A gentleman is always presentable.
2. Live a passionate life, with a compassionate nature, and dispassionate judgment.
3. Talent is God-given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.
4. Opening the doors for a lady is not optional.
5. A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.
6. 7. Anything worth having is worth working hard for.
7. A gentleman will never start a fight but he is permitted to end one.
8. A gentleman reads and reflects.
9. A gentleman means what he says, and says what he mean.
10. Be gracious in manner, humble in tone, and thankful for what is given.
11. A gentleman lives beyond his zone of comfort.
12. The line between confidence and arrogance is very thin, and a gentleman is aware of it.
13. Know the difference between courage and stupidity.
14. A gentleman is observant and takes action without delay.
15. To a lady, a gentleman will readily offer both his coat and his hand.

Courtesy of The Gentleman's Society

'WHO I WANT TO BE'

15 works from the GTC Kindergarten class of Maribel Igitol.



'TROPICAL DREAM'

Summer Salad

200 grams crabmeat
2 oranges
1 can sweet corn
3 eggs
1 clove garlic
Mayonnaise - up to your preference (approximately 1 tablespoon)

1. Boil eggs for 5-7 minutes. Cool in cold water, peel and gently mash into small pieces.

2. Finely chop crabmeat and add corn.

3. Carefully peel the oranges. Mix separated orange pulp with crabmeat, corn and ground garlic. Add mayonnaise.

Bon appetit!

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express your mind because your idea could be revolutionary. Do this politely, though.

And the third one somewhat connects to the second point: be willing to listen to others. No one is perfect, and at times your ideas are not the best. Listening to others will enable you to do what's best and earn the respect of your followers. At the same time, though, don't completely abandon and give up your original goals.

Q: Can you name a person who has had a tremendous impact on you as a student leader and how did this person im-

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Robert Malate poses for a picture with his mock trial team.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

FOLLOWING MY ROOTS

By JOSE SANTOS DELA ROSA
STUDENT OF MS. MICHELLE AVILA, GTC, 1ST GRADE

MY NAME IS JOSE SANTOS DELA ROSA AND I FOLLOW MY CHAMORRO CULTURE VERY WELL. FARMING IS SOMETHING THAT MY FAMILY HAS KEPT SACRED IN THE CHAMORRO CULTURE. FARMING HAS BEEN THE LIFE SOURCE OF THE FIRST CHAMORRO PEOPLE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. MY GRANDFATHER, JOSE SANTOS, IS A VERY HARDWORKING FARMER. MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF FARMING. I KNOW THAT FARMING IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOOD TO EAT AND FOODS TO SELL FOR WHEN WE NEED SOMETHING FOR OUR HOUSE AND FOR THE LIFE OF MY FAMILY TOO. FARMING IS A BIG PART OF MY CULTURE. THANK YOU.

1. Poem by Jose Camacho
Student of Mr. Frank Gibson, GTC, 4th Grade

DREAM

DREAM BIG
DREAM SMALL
NO MATTER HOW SHORT
OR HOW TALL
YOUR DREAMS WILL LEAD THE WAY
AND IT WILL ALWAYS STAY THAT WAY

2. Poem by Sahara
Student of Mr. Frank Gibson, GTC, 4th Grade

FRIENDSHIP

WE HAVE FRIENDSHIP THAT NEVER ENDS,
NOR IT WILL BREAK OR BEND.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BY MY SIDE
WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS THERE.
I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU,
ALWAYS SEEM TO CARE.
YOU ARE MY BFF AND IT'S WHAT WE SHARE.
WE SHARE A HUG AND WE GO TO SCHOOL, AND IT'S COOL.
THAT'S WHY YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND TILL THE END.

3. Poem by Philip Megino
Student of Mr. Frank Gibson, GTC, 4th Grade

MOM, ROSE AND THE SLOTH

EVERYONE WOULD GIVE YOU A ROSE,
EVEN THE SLEEPY SLOTH WHO LIKES TO DOZE.
IN HIGH GREEN TREES,
NEXT TO THE BUZZING BEES...
JUST LOOK AT HIM,
WITH HIS COAT THAT'S DIM.
AND IN HIS PAWS, THERE IS A ROSE
BUT OF COURSE, THE SLOTH WOULDN'T DOZE
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS SHINE
AND THE SLOTH FEELS FINE.

"GALLERY"

By the students of Ms. Yolanda Dela Cruz, GTC, 3rd Grade.

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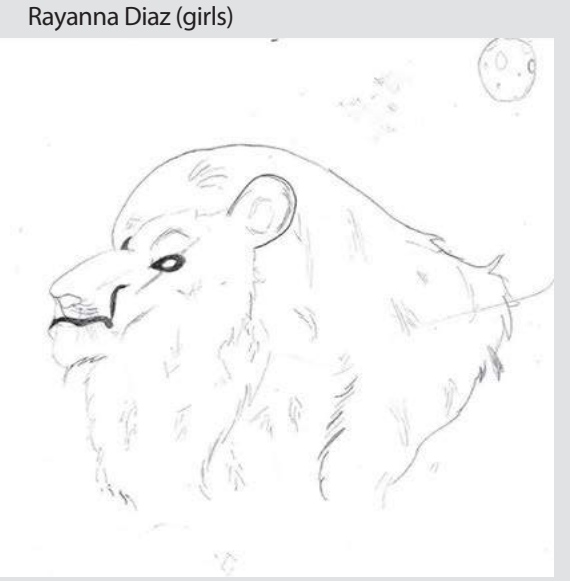
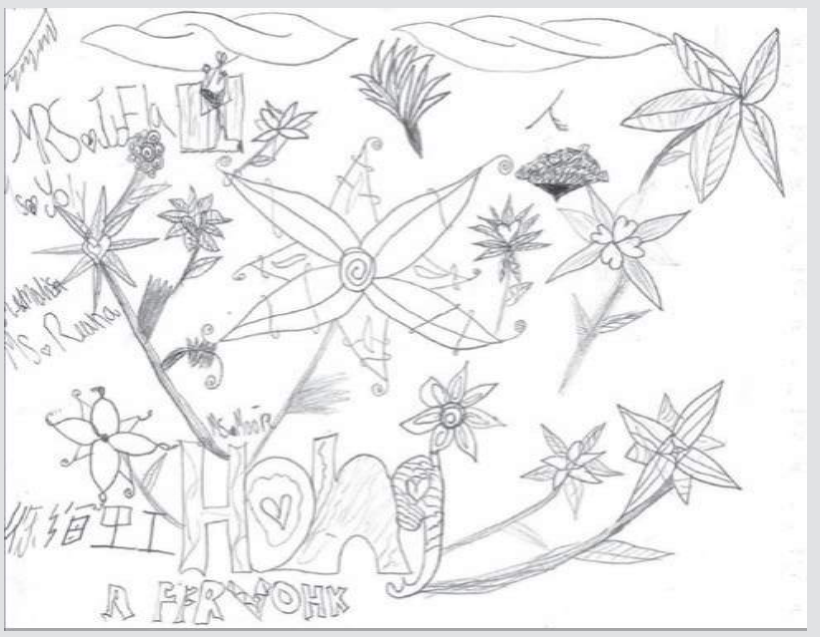
Rayanna Diaz (girls)



Vinnie Sablan (lion)



Hong Xu (flowers)

TONGUE TWISTERS

1. She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore,
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

2. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

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pact your life?

A: There were several people who taught me about leadership, but the person I've got to thank the most is an amazing friend of mine named Aurora David. I remember when I first met her at mock trial practice, and she just emanated leadership. Not only did she coach me for mock trial but she also became the standard model for me. I learned the value of sacrifice, hard work, and altruism from her.

Q: What are the most important decisions you make as a student leader?

A: Planning the next activity to tackle is a large part of being a leader. Keeping your members motivated and constantly striving to fulfill your organization's goals is a hefty task, and one that is admittedly not easy. Nonetheless, it is the most important decision to make because it is what keeps an organization going.

Another important decision a leader must make is who to delegate responsibility to. Officers shouldn't be the only ones shouldering the burden of keeping an organization running. Delegation, however, is a balancing act; you want someone who can get the job done, but you also want to make people feel included in that activity and even develop themselves as a leader.

Q: This year's National Student Leaders Week's theme is "Making a World of Difference." How do you, in your positions, make a difference in your home, community, and school?

A: I make sure to take a stand and not stand on the

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS AS LARGE AS AN ELEPHANT BUT WEIGHS NOTHING?

REVISE	___	VEERS	RECAST	___	REACT
LIFTED	___	FILED	TRASHY	___	STRAY
PASSER		REAPS	SHARON		HORNS
			DEXTER		EXERT
			HOARSE	___	SHEAR
			WALTER	___	LATER

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Disney & Whitman	__ __ __ __ S		Strauss' dance	__ __ __ __ Z	
2. Eagle abode	A __ __ __ __		Spooky	E __ __ __ __	
3. Powerfully built	__ __ __ W __ __		Like an egghead	__ __ __ I __ __	
4. Wine room	__ E __ __ __ __		Make an arrest	__ O __ __ __ __	
5. Place a bet	__ __ G __ __		Biscuit	__ __ F __ __	
6. Portion	__ __ A __ __		Dinah _____	__ __ O __ __	
7. Phenomenon	__ __ __ V __ __		Mime Marceau	__ __ __ C __ __	
8. Staff of life	__ __ __ __ D		Snap into	__ __ __ __ K	
9. Actor Chevy	__ H __ __ __		Desist	__ E __ __ __	
10. Four quarts	__ __ __ __ __ N		Fast trot	__ __ __ __ __ P	

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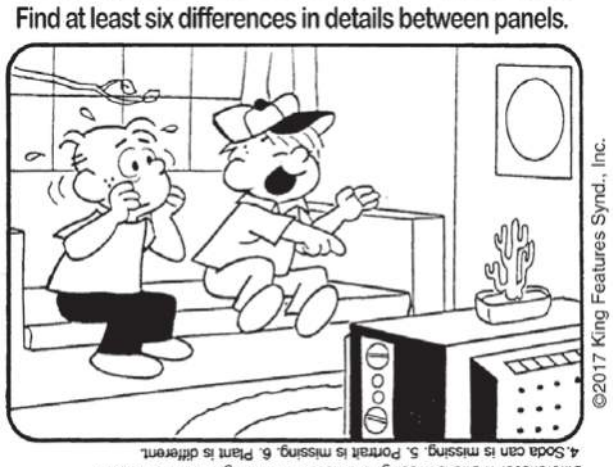
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Bird is missing. 2. Dinosaur is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Soda can is missing. 5. Portrait is missing. 6. Plant is different.

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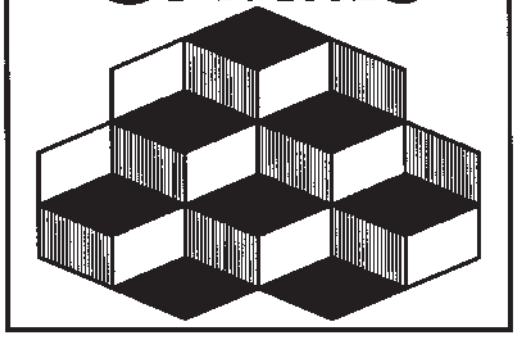

AN EYE TEST! Look at the above drawing and count the number of cubes. Are there six, or seven?

Answer: Look at it long enough and you'll see both six and seven.

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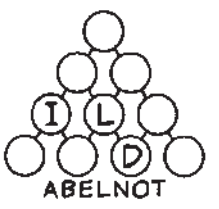
FIND THE HIDDEN CITY in this man's sentence.

Answer: The city is Toronto (... moTOR ON TO ...)

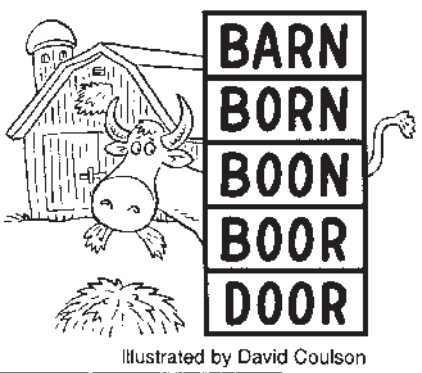
CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Bait, bail, bald, boll, bold, bond, bone.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

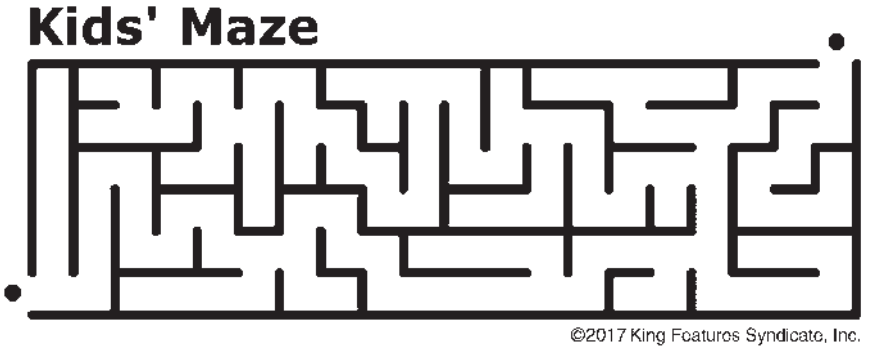
A BOVINE BAFFLER!

Try to solve these five Ladder Puzzles before Bossy finishes her evening meal. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed BARN to DOOR in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each:

1. COOK to WARE
2. HAND to SOME
3. LAME to DUCK
4. MENU to FOOD
5. PARE to DOWN

Answers:
1. COOK, CORK, WORK, WORE, WARE.
2. HAND, SAND, SANE, SAME, SOME.
3. LAME, LACE, LACK, LUCK, DUCK.
4. MENU, MEND, FEND, FOND, FOOD.
5. PARE, DARE, DARN, DAWN, DOWN.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange answers

1. Walts, Waltz
2. Aerie, Eerie
3. Brawny, Brainy
4. Cellar, Collar
5. Wager, Water
6. Share, Shore
7. Marvel, Marcel
8. Bread, Breek
9. Chase, Cease
10. Gallon, Gallop

Puzzles4Kids Answer

REVISE	I	VEERS
LIFTED	T	FILED
PASSER	S	REAPS
RECAST	S	REACT
TRASHY	H	STRAY
SHARON	A	HORNS
DEXTER	D	EXERT
HOARSE	O	SHEAR
WALTER	W	LATER

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side. **I learned this trait from my best friend Yuuki Nishida and I›m trying to fully integra**te this to my leadership model. **If I want something to happen, such as a beach cleanup, winter** break mock trial practices, or a new STEM program at school, I vocalize it and try to push for it to happen I've always wanted to be a giant for other people to build their work upon, and I believe that by being the spear for others, they will have the courage and opportunity to pursue their goals, and even exceed what I had become.

Q: What are you doing to ensure you continue to grow and develop as a leader?

A: Every opportunity I have to take charge, whether that is being a president in my club activities or being a group leader for class assignments, I practice the skills of leadership. **Even if it›s simply speaking my ideas or asking questions, doing this enables me to go beyond my comfort zone and get used to making myself known.**

Q: What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?

A: Learn to delegate assignments to your fellow officers and members. I can't stress this enough. One may be a jack-of-all-trades, but they are not quantum people or superhumans, and time is a precious thing. **Things can and will get done a lot more efficiently and better when** you share the responsibilities. **Plus, you'll experience a lot less stress.**

Nation

Trump seeks Congress' help on wiretap claim; FBI disputes it

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)— President Donald Trump turned to Congress on Sunday for help finding evidence to support his unsubstantiated claim that former President Barack Obama had Trump's telephones tapped during the election. Obama's intelligence chief said no such action was ever carried out, and a U.S. official said the FBI has asked the Justice Department to dispute the allegation.

Republican leaders of Congress appeared willing to honor the president's request, but the move has potential risks for the president, particularly if the House and Senate intelligence committees unearth damaging information about Trump, his aides or his associates.

Trump claimed in a series of tweets without evidence Saturday that his predecessor had tried to undermine him by tapping the telephones at Trump Tower, the New York skyscraper where Trump based his campaign and transition operations, and maintains a home.

Obama's director of national intelligence, James Clapper, said nothing matching Trump's claims had taken place.

"Absolutely, I can deny it," said Clapper, who left government when Trump took office in January. Other representatives for the former president also denied Trump's allegation.

The FBI has asked the Justice Department to dispute Trump's allegations, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Sunday. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the request by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

AP

In this Jan. 18, 2017 file photo, President Barack Obama speaks during his final presidential news conference in the briefing room of the White House in Washington.

No such statement has been issued by the Justice Department. DOJ spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores declined to comment Sunday, and an FBI spokesman also did not comment.

The New York Times reported that senior American officials say FBI Director James Comey has argued that the claim must be corrected by the Justice Department because it falsely insinuates that the FBI broke the law.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said without elaborating Sunday that Trump's instruction to Congress was based on "very troubling" reports "concerning potentially politically motivated investigations immediately ahead of the 2016 election." Spicer did not respond to inquiries about the reports he cited in announcing the request.

Spicer said the White House wants the congressional committees to "exercise their oversight authority to determine whether executive branch investigative powers were abused in 2016." He said there would be no further comment until the investigations are completed, a statement that House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi took offense to and likened to autocratic behavior.

"It's called a wrap-up smear. You make up something. Then you have the press write about it. And then you say, everybody is writing about this charge. It's a tool of an authoritarian," Pelosi said.

Spicer's chief deputy, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said she thinks Trump is "going off of information that he's seen that has led him to believe that this is a very real potential."

Josh Earnest, who was Obama's press secretary, said presidents do not have authority to unilaterally order the wiretapping of American citizens, as Trump has alleged was done to him. FBI investigators and Justice Department officials must seek a federal judge's approval for such a step.

Earnest accused Trump of leveling the allegations to distract from the attention being given to campaign-season contacts by Trump aides with a Russian official, including campaign adviser Jeff Sessions before he resigned from the Senate to become attorney general. The FBI is investigating those contacts, as is Congress.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., said in a statement that the panel "will follow the evidence where it leads, and we will continue to be guided by the intelligence and facts as we compile our findings."

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said in a statement that the committee "will make inquiries into whether the government was conducting surveillance activities on any political party's campaign officials or surrogates."

The committee's top Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, said Trump was following "a deeply disturbing pattern of distraction, distortion and downright fabrication."

The office of House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., referred questions to Nunes, while a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said McConnell would not tell the Senate committee how to do its work.

Trump said in the tweets that he had "just found out" about being wiretapped, though it was unclear whether he was referring to having found out through a briefing, a conversation or a media report. The president in the past has tweeted about unsubstantiated and provocative reports he reads on blogs or conservative websites.

Trump expected to sign new travel ban order

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump is preparing to sign a revised executive order temporarily barring the entry of people from certain Muslim-majority countries and halting the nation's refugee program.

A White House official says plans to roll out the order are on track for Monday. The official insisted on anonymity in order to discuss the order ahead of the official announcement.

The new order has been in the works since shortly after a federal court blocked Trump's initial effort, but the administration has repeatedly pushed back the signing as it has worked to better coordinate with the agencies that it will need to implement the ban.

Trump administration officials have said the new order aims to overcome the legal challenges to the first. Its goal will be the same: keep would-be terrorists out of the United States while the government reviews the vetting system for refugees and visa applicants from certain parts of the world.

Trump's original orders temporarily blocked citizens of Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Syria and Libya from coming to the United States and put on hold the U.S. refugee program.

The revised order is expected to remove Iraq from the list of countries whose citizens face a temporary U.S. travel ban for 90 days. That follows pressure from the Pentagon and State Department, which had urged the White House to reconsider, given Iraq's key role in fighting the Islamic State group.

According to a draft version of the new order outlined to lawmakers late last week, citizens of the other six countries will face the 90-day suspension of visa processing as the administration continues to analyze how to enhance vetting procedures.

Other changes are also expected, including making clear that all existing visas will be honored and no longer singling out Syrian refugees for an indefinite ban. Syrian refugees will now be treated like other refugees and be subjected to a 120-day suspension of the refugee program.

The new version is also expected to remove language that would give priority for religious minorities. Critics had accused the administration of adding such language to help Christians get into the United States while excluding Muslims.

Trump signed his original executive order in late January, sparking confusion and anger as travelers were detained at U.S. airports and barred from boarding flights at foreign airports.

The signing is expected to spark a new round of lawsuits and controversy.

Message of Appreciation

†John Sullivan Benavente

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On behalf of the family of the late John S. Benavente, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those near and far who have given their prayers, time, support, contributions, and donations.

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God bless you all.

Asia

Seoul: N. Korea fires 4 missiles

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Monday fired four banned ballistic missiles that flew about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles), with three of them landing in waters that Japan claims as its exclusive economic zone, South Korean and Japanese officials said, in an apparent reaction to huge military drills by Washington and Seoul that Pyongyang insists are an invasion rehearsal.

AP

A visitor walks by the TV screen showing a news program reporting about North Korea's missile firing, at Seoul Train Station in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, March 6, 2017.

It was not immediately clear the exact type of missile fired, but the tests will be viewed as a provocation by the Trump administration in Washington, which is working on its policy for North Korea. The New York Times reported over the weekend that, despite efforts to perfect cyber and electronic strikes against North Korea's missile program, the United States still can't effectively counter Pyongyang's actions.

Pyongyang has staged a series of missile test-launches of various ranges in recent months, including a new intermediate-range missile in February; it also conducted two nuclear tests last year. The ramped-up tests come as leader Kim Jong Un pushes for a nuclear and missile program that can deter what he calls U.S. and South Korean hostility toward the North.

There have been widespread worries that the North will conduct an ICBM test that, when perfected, could in theory reach the U.S. mainland. Washington would consider such a capability a major threat.

U.S. national security adviser H.R. McMaster and senior South Korean presidential official Kim Kwan-jin held a phone conversation after the missile firings. The two condemned the launches and agreed to boost cooperation to get the North to face more effective sanctions and pressure, according to South Korea's presidential office.

Japanese officials said three of the four missiles landed in the 200-nautical-mile offshore area where Tokyo has sovereign rights for exploring and exploiting resources.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that Monday's launches were made from the Tongchang-ri area in North Pyongan province. The area is the home of the North's Sohae rocket launch site where it has conducted prohibited long-range rocket launches in recent years.

Seoul and Washington call their military drills on the Korean Peninsula, which remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice and not a peace treaty, defensive and routine.

The North hates the military drills, which run until late April and which analysts say force its impoverished military to respond with expensive deployments and drills of their own. An unidentified spokesman for the North's General Staff of the Korean People's Army said last week that Pyongyang's reaction to the southern drills would be the toughest ever but didn't elaborate

The United States has 28,500 troops stationed in South Korea, and 50,000 in Japan, as a deterrent against a potential aggression from the North.

ASIAN BRIEFS

PH marines find remains of beheaded German hostage

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops have found the remains of a German hostage who was beheaded by Abu Sayyaf militants in the country's south, vowing Sunday to rescue more than 30 other captives and crush the ransom-seeking extremists. Marines dug up the head and body of Jurgen Gustav Kantner late Saturday in the mountainous hinterlands of Indanan town in Sulu province, where the militants are holding at least 31 other foreign and Filipino hostages, said regional military commander Maj. Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr. The 70-year-old Kantner was seized from his yacht with his female German companion off Malaysia's Sabah state in November. Kantner's companion was fatally shot on the yacht, which was later found in the southern Philippines, according to the military.

Ex cop links Philippine leader to killings in Senate inquiry

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A retired Philippine officer has linked President Rodrigo Duterte, when he was a mayor, and his men to nearly 200 killings, including of foreign drug suspects, that the officer and other members of a so-called death squad allegedly carried out. Arturo Lascanas made the allegations at the start of a nationally televised Senate inquiry Monday. Duterte's spokesman, Ernesto Abella, described Lascanas as a "polluted source and perjured witness" because he had denied in a separate 2016 Senate hearing that there was a "Davao Death Squad," which has been linked to then mayor Duterte. Abella called Lascanas' testimony "fabricated and unacceptable." Lascanas testified that he personally heard Duterte order killings in two instances while the other attacks were initiated by police officers supposedly on Duterte's orders.

Rescue helicopter crashes in central Japan; at least 3 dead

TOKYO (AP)—A rescue helicopter carrying nine people has crashed in snow-covered mountains in central Japan during a training flight, leaving at least three people dead and four missing. Nagano prefectural police said three men pulled from the crash site were airlifted to nearby hospitals but pronounced dead, and two others found later were unconscious. Police said they believe the remaining four are still trapped underneath debris of the helicopter. TV footage showed the mangled aircraft sitting belly up in the snow-covered forest on the side of Mount Hachibuse, about 250 kilometers (150 miles) northwest of Tokyo.

World

Wave of IS car bombs targets Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi troops encountered the heaviest clashes yet with Islamic State group fighters Sunday in western Mosul since the start of the new push more than two weeks ago, according to a senior commander.

Maj. Gen. Haider al-Maturi of the Federal Police Commandos Division told The Associated Press that IS militants dispatched at least six suicide car bombs, which were all destroyed before reaching the troops. The militants, he said, are moving from house to house and deploying snipers.

The wave of heavy resistance comes as Iraqi forces launched attacks against IS-held neighborhoods in western Mosul from three points Sunday morning. The Federal Police are closing in on the city's main government complex in the Dawasa neighborhood and Iraq's special forces are attempting to push into the Shuhada and Mansour neighborhoods.

IS fighters have "some mortar (teams) and snipers positioned inside homes," said Iraqi special forces Maj. Ali Talib, explaining that U.S.-led coalition airstrikes have helped destroy some of the IS defenses, but clashes are still ongoing.

Al-Maturi, of the federal police, said his troops are now some 500 meters away from the government complex.

Also on Sunday, The Hague, Netherlands-based Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a statement the organization was "seriously concerned" about reports of chemical weapons use in Mosul.

"The OPCW has asked Iraqi authorities for more information and has offered its assistance to the Iraqi investigation," the statement said.

UN: 66K displaced in 5 months of Syria fighting

BEIRUT (AP)—Five months of multi-sided clashes in Syria's crowded northern battlefield have displaced some 66,000 people, a U.N. humanitarian agency said Sunday, a day after the U.S. bolstered Kurdish-led forces with a deployment of armored vehicles amid preparations for a push toward the Islamic State group's de facto capital.

Besides the autonomous Kurdish-led forces, Turkish, Syrian government and Syrian opposition fighters have all been jostling for territory formerly held by the Islamic State group near the Turkish-Syrian frontier.

The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, led by the Syrian Kurdish PKK party, are the current front runners in the race to Raqqa, the IS capital. They are now stationed eight kilometers (five miles) north of the Euphrates River city and supported by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and a deployment of some 500 U.S. special forces operators. The Pentagon has said they are working in an advisory capacity.

But Turkey, a U.S. ally through NATO, says the PKK is an extension of the Kurdish insurgency inside its own borders and has classified the party as a terror organization. It has objected strongly over the SDF offensive and vowed, too, to throw the Kurdish-led forces in Manbij—the SDF's westernmost flank—back over the banks of the Euphrates. This would disrupt the Raqqa campaign.

There are Turkish forces stationed in al-Bab, 40 kilometers (25 miles) southwest of Manbij. The threats prompted the SDF to ask Russia and the Syrian army to establish a buffer between Manbij and al-Bab.

With uncertainty building, the U.S. deployed a number of armored vehicles to its allies in Manbij, the Syrian Kurdish Rudaw news agency reported Saturday.

Operation Inherent Resolve spokesman Col. John Dorrian confirmed the deployment on Twitter. He said it was mean to "deter aggression and keep focus on defeating ISIS," another acronym for the Islamic State group.

Turkey accuses Germany of 'Nazi' practices; rift deepens

AMSTERDAM (AP)—A diplomatic rift between Turkey and key European nations deepened Sunday as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused Germany of "Nazi practices," days after a local authority prevented a Turkish minister from addressing a rally.

Over at an election campaign event in Amsterdam, meanwhile, Dutch right-wing populist Geert Wilders also resorted to extreme-right comparisons, calling Erdogan an "Islamo-fascist leader."

The diplomatic tensions have been rising in recent days amid Turkish plans to have government ministers to address rallies in Germany and the Netherlands in support of an upcoming constitutional referendum that would give Erdogan new powers.

Speaking in Istanbul, the Turkish president fanned the flames with a stinging verbal attack.

"In Germany, they are not allowing our friends to speak. Let them do so. Do you think that by not allowing them to speak the votes in Germany will come out 'no' instead of 'yes?'" Erdogan said. "Germany, you don't have anything to do with democracy. These current practices of yours are no different than the Nazi practices of the past."

On Thursday, Turkey's justice minister canceled a meeting with his German counterpart after local authorities in southwest Germany withdrew permission for him to use a venue to hold a rally near the French border that was part of a campaign to get Turks in Germany to vote "yes" in the referendum.

Turkey's economy minister, Nihat Zeybekci, was due to speak at two events in western Germany on Sunday. There are about 1.4 million people in Germany who are eligible to vote in the Turkish referendum.

Julia Kloeckner, a deputy leader of Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, told the German daily Bild that Erdogan's Nazi comparison was "a new pinnacle of immoderation."

"Mr. Erdogan is reacting like a stubborn child who can't get his own way," she told the paper.

Austrian Chancellor Christian Kern, in an interview with the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag, said it's time to pull the plug on long-stalled moves to bring Turkey into the 28-nation EU.

"We shouldn't just temporarily suspend the accession talks with Turkey but end them," Kern said. "We can't continue to negotiate about membership with a country that has been steadily distancing itself for years, during ongoing access talks, from democratic standards and principles of the rule of law."

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

Genesis G80

tempts luxury buyers with new innovations

By BARRY SPYKER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Genesis calls them "human-centered innovations." The rest of us will call them darn cool conveniences.

Whatever they're called, the neat features found on the 2017 Genesis G80 are what folks are going to love about the car.

The list includes things like automatic vehicle hold, which eases the stress of your commute in stop-and-go traffic, and the innovative hands-free trunk, which opens automatically if it detects your smart key as being nearby for more than 3 seconds. No need to stand on one foot while trying to swipe the other under the bumper.

And then there's the data-filled head-up display, the best in the segment. It features info on speed, cruise-control status, navigation, blind-spot monitoring, lane departure and forward collision warnings. Featuring adjustable brightness, all it's crisp and easy to read.

Genesis, first introduced in 2008, is taking its next big stride in the luxury arena with the G80, a full-size rear-wheel-drive sedan with all-wheel-drive available as an option. Don't call this the Hyundai Genesis, please. They're trying to further distinguish this brand in the luxury marketplace.

And especially in black, the G80 does indeed exude luxury with a sleek profile, elegant hexagonal front grille and sweeping rear with LED-laden wrap-around taillights.

Its ride, meanwhile, is refined and quiet thanks to an increased amount of sound-absorbing materials, acoustic laminated glass and even a low-noise fuel pump.

The list of Genesis competitors is plentiful and many of the foes do have an edge when it comes to power and overall performance. Even with the Genesis set to Sport mode, tests show rivals like the Cadillac CTS, Mercedes E-Class and BMW 5-Series outperform it. But keep in mind you'll pay more for those guys.

When it comes to powering the G80, you have two choices: a 3.8-liter V-6 that delivers a substantial 311 horsepower and 293 pound-feet of torque, or an award-winning 5.0-liter V-8 that ups the ante to 420 horses and 383 pound-feet of pull. Both are mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters on the wheel for those who like extra control. All-wheel-drive is available only with the 3.8.

A drive mode selector enables adjustments for different conditions or driver preferences, changing throttle response, transmission timing and stability control.

Zero-to-60 with the 3.8-liter happens in 6.6 seconds, a full second slower than some of the aforementioned friends. The V-8 betters the run to 60 mph to the mid-5-second range.

TNS

The 2017 Genesis G80's suspension system offers decent feel while gobbling up the bumps and pavement cracks along the way.

TNS

The 2017 Genesis G80's size (and long wheelbase) means impressive interior space—a total of 123 cubic feet, 15.3 of them for cargo. (Genesis)

NUTS & BOLTS

2017 Genesis G80 Ultimate

- MSRP: $54,550
- What's all the excitement about? A distinct new name, quiet ride and innovative conveniences.
- Powertrain: 5.0-liter V-8 engine capable of 420 horsepower, mated to eight-speed automatic transmission
- How's the performance? Zero-to-60 in around 5.5 seconds; quiet as a church on the highway
- What about fuel economy? 18 mpg combined (23 highway, 15 city)

Comparisons aside, the G80 is fast enough for most, handles well and is a smooth ride on the open road. The suspension system offers decent feel while gobbling up the bumps and pavement cracks along the way. Steering is nicely weighted, and response is quick.

The G80's 4,500 pounds contribute to less-than-stellar mileage figures. Expect 21 mpg combined with the 3.8, and just 19 mpg if you opt for the AWD. The 5.0-liter returns around 18 combined and 23 on the highway.

On the plus side, G80's size (and long wheelbase) means impressive interior space — a total of 123 cubic feet, 15.3 of them for cargo. That's class-leading, says Genesis, as is the front leg room, head room and rear shoulder room, though taller folks might wish for more head room in the rear. Perforated-leather seats are supportive, comfortable and can be adjusted 12 ways.

It's a simple and well-designed cabin. Wood grain and matte-finished aluminum on the dash and doors provide elegant accents. The instrument panel is bright and easy-to-read, while audio and climate are controlled by good old-fashioned rotary knobs the way this baby boomer likes it. Still, a 9.2-inch touchscreen accommodates the high-tech stuff, including smartphone-app integration.

Standard high-tech safety includes lane departure warning and intervention and frontal collision warning with automatic braking in an emergency. Plus, the G80 tops out on crash tests, earning five stars on front- and side-impact tests.

The G80 comes well-loaded, but two options packages are available: Premium and Ultimate. The Ultimate adds the power trunk lid, bigger touchscreen and an outstanding 17-speaker Lexicon sound system.

The G80 probably is the best bang-for-buck luxury sedan out there. Sure, you could pay more and get more, but for 50 grand or so, you'll get its good looks, comfort and conveniences, not to mention Hyundai's 10-year, 100,000-mile powertrain warranty. That's a hands-free truckload of value.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Donicia Mettao Lifoifoi

Born on July 16, 1954 and was called to her eternal rest on February 21, 2017 at Tacoma General Hospital, Washington.

In Her New Life She Now Joins Her:

Husband: †Martin Igitol Lifoifoi
Parents: †Bonifacio Faibar Mettao & †Francisca Taisacan Fitipol
Parents-In-Law: †Pedro Camacho Lifoifoi & †Estefania Igitol Lifoifoi
Cousin and Best Friend: †Virginia Norita Mahora
Brother-In-Law: †Ralph Kosak
Uncle-In-Law: †Katu Camacho Castro
Cousin-In-Law: †Victorino Nekai Igitol
Cousin-In-Law: †Bertha Lifoifoi Phillips

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children:
Lorenzo M. & Shana Lifoifoi (Keanu)
Elena L. & Eduardo Massena
Teresa L. & Jackson James (Jaden)

Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Rita M. & Ramon Castro *(Raymond John, Rudolpho Jose, Rita Juana and children, Raegina Jazmine)*
Jose F. Mettao
Alexander F. & Mae K. Mettao *(Savanah Mae/Raymondo Mahilum and child, Lourdes Ana)*
Emiliana M. & Antonio Reyes
Antonia M. & Lal Prasad Ghale
Joaquin F. & Bernie Mettao
Patroicinia M. & James Pua *(Lou Frances Doreen)*

Brothers, Sisters-In-Laws:
Naminanda Lifoifoi
Ursula L. & Frank Aldan *(Plumeria, Sky, Oceana, Sunshine)*

She will be remembered by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and Godchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 09, 2017. Viewing will be from 6:30am-9:00am at the Borja Funeral Home. Her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag at 9:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by interment services at the Tanapag Cemetery where she will be laid to her peaceful rest.

Your thoughts, presence, prayers are sincerely appreciated.
Children, Siblings and Families

Life & Style

Film spotlights human trafficking as Trump promises action

BOSTON (AP)—A new documentary is spotlighting human trafficking across the globe, with a focus on the grassroots activists trying to end the scourge.

"Stopping Traffic" premieres at the Global Cinema Film Festival in the Boston suburb of Belmont on March 11.

The film is the first by Sadhvi Siddhali Shree, a 33-year-old Jain monk, Iraq War veteran and child abuse survivor who intends to distribute it free of charge to universities, nonprofits and government agencies.

The film, which was financed through online donations, comes as President Donald Trump is promising to bring the "full force and weight" of the U.S. government to combat human trafficking. He says he will order the departments of Justice and Homeland Security to closely examine the resources they're devoting to the issue.

Shree gives credit to the Republican billionaire for placing an emphasis on human trafficking early in his tenure, but stressed it still remains to be seen what is actually done.

"We need action to back that up," she said. "We will need a lot of resources, legislation and law enforcement."

If Trump is serious about addressing the issue, he should take cues from Canada, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, France, Ireland and other nations that have enacted laws harshly punishing pimps, traffickers and clients, rather than the prostitutes, said Rosi Orozco, an anti-trafficking activist in Mexico City who is featured in the documentary.

"These are very good words from your president," she said. "This could be most the important issue to unite U.S. and Mexico."

Shree, who is spiritual director at the Siddhayatan Spiritual Retreat Center and Ashram in Windom, Texas, acknowledges she wasn't aware of the extent of human trafficking and was shocked at what she learned from Orozco and other activists.

AP

In this April 26, 2016 file photo, suspects accused of involvement in child trafficking and pornography are escorted by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in Manila, Philippines. "Stopping Traffic," a documentary to spotlight human trafficking and the grassroots activists trying to end it, will premiere in the Boston suburb of Belmont, Mass., on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Estimates vary, but the International Labour Organization believed some 21 million people were being trafficked worldwide in a 2014 report.

The illicit activities earned captors roughly $150 billion, with nearly $100 billion coming from commercial sexual exploitation, the report by the Geneva-based special agency of the United Nations found. The remaining $50 billion came from other forms of forced labor.

While trafficking is a global issue, it's also important to remember that America isn't immune—and that it's not just foreigners being trafficked, said Stephanie Clark, executive director of Amirah, a Massachusetts nonprofit that helps sexually exploited women but isn't featured in the film.

"This is an extremely prevalent issue that is right here, hidden in plain sight," she said.

It's not just women being trafficked either. Young men and boys are often abused at far higher rates than what's recorded because many cultures still don't accept the notion that boys can also be rape victims, said John King, a child abuse survivor and activist in Grapevine, Texas, who is featured prominently in the film.

The filmmaker, who became a monk in 2008 after serving as an army medic during the Iraq War, said she deliberately avoided delving deeply into the personal experiences of those recently escaped from trafficking in the final product.

The documentary features interviews with activists in Mexico, Philippines and the U.S. cities of New Orleans and Houston, as well as actor Dolph Lundgren and other celebrities who raise awareness about human trafficking. Shree also shares her experience of being sexually abused as a child in the film.

"We wanted to show the empowerment, not the sad and suffering side," she said. "It's more about the motivation and the inspiration. That where there's dark, there's also light."

'LOGAN' WINS AT BOX OFFICE

AP

This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Hugh Jackman from the film, "Logan." The R-rated "X-Men" spinoff "Logan" slashed into the weekend box office, opening with a massive $85.3 million in North American theaters, while best-picture winner "Moonlight" got a significant, if far from superhero-sized, Oscar bump. The debut of 20th Century Fox's "Logan," ranks among the biggest March openings ever and top R-rated debuts. The better-than-expected opening for "Logan"—a darkly violent, grittily dramatic movie applauded by critics—further proves moviegoers' hunger for less conventional comic book films.

Sushi in Pyongyang

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—Sushi in Pyongyang? At a restaurant run by a Japanese sushi chef famous for working for North Korea's late leader Kim Jong Il?

Kenji Fujimoto has opened his sushi restaurant in the North Korean capital, according to Canadian Michael Spavor, a consultant with a long record of working in the communist state. He was involved with NBA star Denis Rodman's trips to North Korea, and the two spent days with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who succeeded his father after his death in 2011.

Spavor said he was introduced to Fujimoto just last year, when he learnt about the chef's plans to open a restaurant in Pyongyang and tried to track it down early this year.

"I was quite excited, because I'd heard quite a lot about him," Spavor said. "So one day, for lunch, we met up, and we got along great, he speaks fluent Korean, so we spoke Korean, and that's when he mentioned to me he was planning on opening up a ramen restaurant or a sushi restaurant in Pyongyang."

It's rare to find a Japanese business openly operating in North Korea, because of strained relations between the two countries.

But Fujimoto is a special case. He worked for Kim Jong Il for many years. After Kim's death, Fujimoto reappeared in Pyongyang meeting with the new leader in images he shared with Japanese media.

Fujimoto's new restaurant in Pyongyang bears the name "Takahashi" outside its door. The main room with a sushi counter is very small, with just a handful of seats.

Raw fish dishes sushi and sashimi have been available in Pyongyang for many years, but usually the fish is frozen before it comes to the table, so the customer can chose either to crunch it frozen, or wait until it defrosts and loses its texture. Neither option meets the usual standards.

According to the latest images, the food at Fujimoto's is much better. But prices are high by Pyongyang standards, starting at $50 for a sushi set, and running to more than $100.

There are also cheaper options available from the noodle restaurant that operates together with Fujimoto's sushi room.

"I think everyone in the world is aware that North Korea has its challenges and economic difficulties," Spavor said.

"That being said, there are many Koreans in Pyongyang who are able to afford these kind of high-end restaurants," he said. "And keep in mind also that Pyongyang has a lot of foreign diplomats, U.N. workers, businessmen from China and other countries who can also dine at this restaurant."

Bruno Mars, Justin Timberlake shine at iHeartRadio Awards

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Big Sean performs at the iHeartRadio Music Awards at the Forum on Sunday, March 5, 2017, in Inglewood, Calif.

The 2017 iHeartRadio Music Awards started with Justin Timberlake speaking about inclusion and dedicating his award to children who feel different, and ended with a rousing performance by Bruno Mars that included crowd participation from Florida Georgia Line, Thomas Rhett, Ty Dolla $ign, Heidi Klum and more.

Timberlake won the night's first award, song of the year, for "Can't Stop This Feeling!"—his massive No.1 hit that was nominated for an Academy Award last month.

"I wrote this song because I wanted it to be about inclusion, about being together. And so I guess I want to take this opportunity and speak to young people right now 'cause there's a lot of you looking at me, if you are black or you are brown or you are gay or you're a lesbian or you are trans, or maybe you're just a sissy singing boy from Tennessee, anyone that is treating you unkindly, it's only because they are afraid or have been taught to be afraid of how important you are," Timberlake, who is from Memphis, said to the crowd at the Forum in Inglewood, California.

"Because being different means you make the difference," added Timberlake, who ended his speech with an expletive that was bleeped.

"Can't Stop This Feeling!" appeared on the "Trolls" soundtrack and was nominated for the best original song Oscar.

Mars, who earned the Innovator Award and closed the show, started his performance with his past hit, "Treasure," and later sang his newest hit, the groovy "That's What I Like." It featured his signature, slick dance moves and all-star band.

"Innovator is a very heavy word. ...It's a little ironic for me because I genuinely feel like I'm just getting started," Mars, 31, said onstage, sporting a black suit and sunglasses. "So buckle up. I don't know where we're going yet but we're going. Keep up y'all."

Other A-list stars were part of the awards show, too: Ed Sheeran started solo and strummed his guitar during "Shape of You"—currently No.1 on the Billboard Hot 100—and later walked to another stage to perform "Castle on the Hill" with a full band. Sheeran won best lyrics for co-writing Justin Bieber's "Love Yourself."

"We started this song on the back of a tour bus," Sheeran said onstage next to co-writer Benny Blanco (Bieber, who didn't attend, also co-wrote the song).

The Chainsmokers, who won best new artist during the live telecast, performed "Paris" and "Something Just Like This" with Chris Martin, who ran into the crowd during the performance. The EDM duo, who won a Grammy last month, also won dance song of the year for their ubiquitous hit "Closer," featuring pop singer Halsey.

"It's been a really, really tough year, but I hope that somehow this song made the summer a little bit better for you guys despite everything that's been going on," Halsey said onstage.

Martin and his band Coldplay won best tour. He accepted the award onstage with three people—not his band mates—but child background dancers who performed with Katy Perry at the top of the show.

"Hello, we are Coldplay. Thank you so much for this award. We love our job and we love our fans," the young girl read from a paper. "You wouldn't believe it, but we are in our late 30s."

Perry, in a bright red blazer, hot pink pants and a short blond haircut, kicked off the show with kid dancers dressed as laborers when she sang "Chained to the Rhythm." Miley Cyrus was ecstatic as she introduced her younger sister, Noah Cyrus, to the stage for a performance. Miley and her parents sang along as Noah performed "Make Me (Cry)" alongside English singer-producer Labrinth.

Pop singer Shawn Mendes, rapper Big Sean and Thomas Rhett—who won country artist of the year—also performed at the show, attended by John Legend, Demi Lovato, DJ Khaled, Ansel Elgort, Macklemore, Jhene Aiko, Joe Jonas and more.

Drake, who didn't attend the show, was the top nominee with 12. Fifth Harmony, whose band member Camila Cabello recently left the group, won best fan army.

Some of the winners were announced on Snapchat, including Rihanna (R&B album of the year), Green Day (rock song of the year) and twenty one pilots (alternative rock artist of the year).

Ryan Seacrest hosted the two-hour show, which aired live on TBS, TNT and truTV.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Gladys Knight starts fundraising effort for community center

CANTON, N.C. (AP)—Gladys Knight says being married to a western North Carolina native has turned her into a country girl at heart, and she's hoping to turn that new affection into possibly the best thing that's ever happened to Canton. The Asheville Citizen-Times reports Knight and William "Billy" McDowell, a Canton native, have launched a fundraising campaign for the Reynolds Community Center at the site of Reynolds High School. Organizers need to raise up to $5 million to renovate the 20,000-square-foot building, which was constructed in 1930 and was functional until 1966. It was once the only African-American high school in western North Carolina west of Asheville. When finished, the 6.5-acre property will provide multiple services, from a music center to counseling for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Indian filmmaker Karan Johar has twins via surrogate

NEW DELHI (AP)—Leading Bollywood filmmaker Karan Johar said Sunday that he's become a parent to twins born via surrogate. "This was an emotional yet a well thought out decision which I have taken after considering all the responsibilities and duties that come with being a parent," Johar said in a message posted on Twitter. He said the twins, a boy and a girl, have been named Yash and Roohi. Johar said that he was "eternally grateful" to the surrogate who helped fulfill his "lifelong dream." Johar, who is single, is not the only Indian celebrity to have children with the help of a surrogate. Superstar Shahrukh Khan and his wife, Gauri, welcomed a third child via surrogate in 2013. Commercial surrogacy has been legal in India since 2001, but the government has said it is planning legislation that would end that in order to protect the poor women usually used as surrogates. It has also said the new law would bar gay people, single parents and foreigners from using surrogates.

Several thousand people attend concert-protest in Serbia

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—Several thousand people have protested the cancellation of a popular singer's concert in Serbia, allegedly over his support for a liberal opposition candidate before next month's presidential election. The concert by Vlado Georgiev in the town of Smederevo, central Serbia, was to be held on March 4 in the town's sports hall, but local organizers canceled the event. Georgiev has said he believed the reason was political. Serbia's ruling populists have faced accusations of curbing dissent before the April 2 vote, which pits Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic against fractured opposition candidates. Georgiev has openly backed former public rights defender Sasa Jankovic for the presidency. Georgiev sang his songs at the protest late Saturday, saying "beautiful things should not be banned over (political) opinions." Smederevo city authorities have denied they interfered.

Face-to-face meeting threatens to nip new romance in the bud

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I recently enrolled in an internet dating site, and have been cyber-chatting with a very sweet gentleman. I am also 62 years young. My problem is I'm borderline obese, have gray hair, a few wrinkles and some dental problems. It's the reason I don't post photos of myself.

Someday, he may want to meet face-to-face, and I am more petrified than 2,000-year-old wood! He sounds and speaks so well -- soft and gentle. My heart has butterfly-wing feelings, not the head-over-heels emotions I had when I first met my late husband. Should I keep texting this gentleman, or just fade away from him?

IS BEAUTY MORE THAN SKIN DEEP?

DEAR SKIN DEEP: Keep texting him, of course! Nothing ventured, nothing gained, and remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. That said, if your weight and dental problems are affecting your self-esteem, perhaps it's time you dealt with them rather than use them as an excuse to cut and run.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a wonderful man for the last year and a half. He is good to me and good to my 11-year-old daughter.

Recently, a man I have known for 40 years—but have been in and out of touch with—appeared back in my life. He was my first kiss at 6, and there were many unresolved feelings that I felt needed exploring. My daughter caught on and told me if I gave up my current relationship she would never forgive me, so I ended the relationship with my old friend, which left him with bitter feelings. Did I do the right thing?

BITTER FEELINGS

DEAR BITTER: Because you felt it was appropriate to allow an 11-year-old to dictate your future, then yes, I suppose you did the right thing. In any case, it's a little late to second guess yourself now.

DEAR ABBY: This year I have the opportunity to travel to Europe with some friends. One of them, however, has the tendency to burp loudly when we are in public. She often does it at restaurants or other sit-down areas. I have tried telling her it's rude and disrespectful, but she doesn't care.

I don't want to go to Europe and have her burping in front of other people. I don't want to be labeled as a disrespectful tourist because of her. Is there anything I can say to her? Or is this a problem that I shouldn't get involved with?

EMBARRASSED FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Could your friend have a medical problem that causes her to burp? If so, that may be why it happens and you shouldn't criticize her for it. However, if that's not the case, because her behavior causes you embarrassment, either rethink traveling with her or make sure you sit far away from her in public places.

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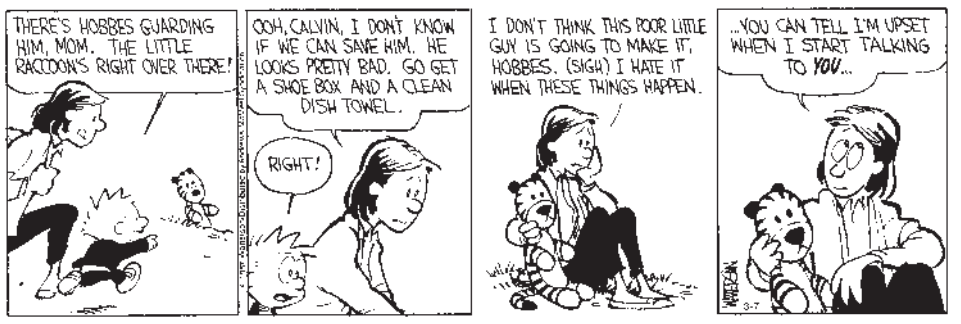
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THERE'S HOBBES GUARDING HIM, MOM. THE LITTLE RACCOON'S RIGHT OVER THERE!
OOH, CALVIN, I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN SAVE HIM. HE LOOKS PRETTY BAD. GO GET A SHOE BOX AND A CLEAN DISH TOWEL.
RIGHT!
I DON'T THINK THIS POOR LITTLE GUY IS GOING TO MAKE IT, HOBBES. (SIGH) I HATE IT WHEN THESE THINGS HAPPEN.
...YOU CAN TELL I'M UPSET WHEN I START TALKING TO YOU...

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@Home

By Bryan Basset

WOW! I'M UP TO 100 STEPS ALREADY!
UM... IS THAT GOOD?
WELL, I MEAN... I'VE BEEN IN MY OFFICE WORKING FOR A WHILE.
BUT AT THIS POINT I'M ALREADY... LET'S SEE...
1100TH OF THE WAY TO 10,000 STEPS TODAY!
IT'S 8PM.
HE'S LIKE A VEAL IN THAT OFFICE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

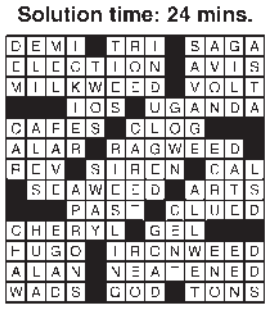
ACROSS

1 Enthusiast
5 Anti-fur org.
9 Astern
12 Gumbo need
13 — Bator
14 Fib
15 Sailor's outerwear
17 Vegas lead-in
18 Frozen desserts
19 Redacts
21 Broadway rosters
24 Blood type, for short
25 TV host Kelly
26 Like "Green Acres" humor
30 Citric beverage
31 Blood line?
32 Water tester
33 Squishy chairs
35 Type of dancer
36 Take five
37 A Great Lake
38 Poison —
40 Spiced tea
42 "Entourage" agent
43 Taj Mahal feature
48 Tonic's mixer
49 Cager Archibald
50 Actor McGregor
51 Ballpark fig.
52 Monopoly card
53 Lifeless

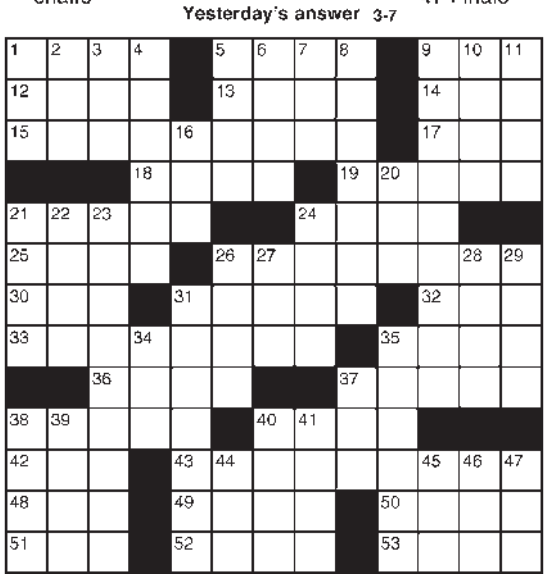
DOWN

1 Jazzy style
2 Guitar's kin
3 Monk's title
4 Tex-Mex treat
5 Brownish purple
6 BPOE members
7 Menlo Park monogram
8 Roof topper
9 Swamp critter
10 Authoritative order
11 Hardy heroine
16 Rm. coolers
20 Society newbie
21 Grouch
22 Staffer
23 Gum flavor
24 Scraps
26 Paint layer
27 Assoc.
28 Trademark symbol
29 Boxer Spinks
31 Run away (with)
34 PBS funder
35 Led
37 Solo of "Star Wars"
38 Wise one
39 "The Haj" author
40 Refer to
41 Tackled weeds
44 Scot's denial
45 Have debts
46 Goat's plaint
47 Finale

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 3-7



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Laura Prepon, 37; Jenna Fischer, 42; Rachel Weisz, 47; Bryan Cranston, 61.

Happy Birthday: Live life your own way. Make your home comfy and welcoming. Share what you have with those you love. Make an effort to enhance your mind, body and soul. Check into lifestyles that will help you present your skills to the best of your ability. Rely on what you have to get ahead. Use your intuition to achieve excellence. Your numbers are 7, 13, 22, 24, 32, 37, 41.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Take the time to hear someone out. You may not agree, but there will be value in knowing what you are up against. Take action if you want to make changes, but do so thoughtfully so that no one gets hurt. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Let your imagination run wild and you will come up with some interesting ideas. Focus on your dreams and the things you enjoy the most. Any help you offer others will be appreciated and repaid. Share your feelings. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: You'll be torn between what you want and what you have. Don't rely on anyone to help you make a personal decision. Figure out what's best for you and follow that path. Avoid overreacting or letting temptation lead you astray. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Do whatever it takes to use your skills. Refuse to let anyone or anything slow you down. Overreacting, indulgence and excess will stand between you and your desires. Use your intelligence and strive for perfection. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Check over your personal papers or get your taxes up to date. Taking care of business will be stabilizing and bring you greater freedom to explore something new. Romance and personal growth are on the rise. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Discuss your thoughts with people heading in the same direction as you, and you will find solutions. Collaborating and joining forces to form a strong coalition will help you bring about change. Honor your beliefs and fight for your rights. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Don't overreact if someone puts pressure on you to do more. Take a moment to rethink the best way to handle anyone who gets in your way or who tries to take advantage of you. Stabilize important relationships. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Personal changes can be made. Sign up for a retreat or plan to make a change to where or how you live. New beginnings will sprout through social networking. Expand your mind, your outlook and your future. Follow your instincts. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: You'll face difficulties if you fight the establishment. Keep diplomacy in mind when dealing with anyone who can influence your position or your future. Stick close to home and take care of your responsibilities. Focus on self-improvements, not trying to change others. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: You'll have to counter someone's poor habits or influences. Don't be tempted to get involved in risky schemes or joint ventures. Go it alone and control how much time, money and effort you are willing to sacrifice. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Reacquaint yourself with familiar faces, places and pastimes. Your enthusiasm will be infectious and lead to new beginnings. Personal improvements will result if you show discipline and implement a healthy diet and physical fitness routine. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Listen to your inner voice and take action. Follow your emotional awareness and make adjustments to the way you live. Don't miss an opportunity to achieve what you want to pursue because someone is being demanding. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are brave, honorable and astute. You are progressive and innovative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		5		1		9		
			2		6			
8		9		4		6		1
	9						8	
1		3				4		7
	6						2	
9		8		6		5		3
			7		1			
		7		5		8		

Difficulty Level ★★ 3-07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	8	4	1	3	6	7	2	9
6	3	7	2	8	9	5	1	4
1	9	2	5	4	7	3	8	6
4	7	8	3	6	1	2	9	5
9	5	3	4	7	2	8	6	1
2	6	1	8	9	5	4	3	7
8	2	6	9	5	4	1	7	3
7	1	5	6	2	3	9	4	8
3	4	9	7	1	8	6	5	2

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

MOVIE GAFFERS Solution: 7 letters

E	M	M	W	N	T	N	E	M	E	V	O	M	M	A
L	Q	E	A	Y	E	N	E	C	S	Y	O	O	S	S
E	R	U	C	E	T	T	C	L	T	O	T	O	N	S
C	D	O	I	H	Ⓣ	I	S	I	D	I	B	A	U	I
T	A	A	T	P	A	Ⓐ	S	A	O	O	L	C	G	S
R	M	C	E	C	M	N	Ⓟ	N	G	P	O	S	N	T
I	B	C	R	H	E	E	I	Ⓔ	E	F	R	T	I	A
C	I	E	I	D	R	R	N	C	B	T	T	U	T	N
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A	N	T	U	A	R	S	V	D	S	L	O	I	G	F
N	C	R	N	A	E	B	L	O	C	K	C	O	I	L
S	E	A	T	N	T	E	C	H	N	I	C	A	L	A
T	G	O	A	D	N	U	O	R	G	K	C	A	B	G
E	R	R	S	T	B	O	Y	L	A	D	D	E	R	S
S	C	A	F	F	O	L	D	S	U	P	P	O	R	T

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Accent, Ambiance, Aperture, Assistant, Background, Block, CLT, Control, Cranes, Crew, Density, Director, Electrician, Equipment, Flags, Focus, Generators, Gobos, Hire, Intensity, Ladders, Lighting, Manage, Mechanical, Mood, Motion, Movement, Nets, Overhead, Plan, Scaffolds, Scene, Sets, Studio, Support, Tape, Team, Technical, Tracks

Yesterday's Answer: Queen

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Sales Associate, Part Time (5)
Responsible for managing the customer's experience by identifying customer's needs and recommending or promoting the appropriate merchandise. Sales Associates also process all modes of payment using the POS System and help maintain and enhance the overall appearance of the boutique by maintaining the cleanliness of the store (showcases and displays).

Requires: High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales and must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to gemkell_recruitment@tanholdings.com . To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than **March 15, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort. Background checks will be required prior to employment.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) CAD Operator:
Required Bachelor's Degree and 5 years of experience. Proficiency in AutoCAD 2015, Google Sketchup 2016 and Microsoft Office.

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Bachelor's Degree with 5 years experience. Proficiency in network troubleshooting and configuration, Microsoft Operating System & Server, Linux, Java Programming, Autocad, and Computer Software and Hardware Troubleshooting.

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Minimum Qualifications: High school graduate; one (1) year of paid experience as a General Building Structure Maintenance worker in position(s) requiring knowledge of rough and finish carpentry, plumbing, interior and exterior painting and electrician skills; one (1) year of experience as a commercial cleaner, preferably in hotel, lodge or single structure housekeeping setting(s). Experience with use of pesticides and fertilizers and how to avoid the hazardous affect of common chemicals used for building maintenance and repair.
Duties: Ensures that a newly constructed building structure and its surrounding area are maintained in a clean and orderly condition and good repair. Cleans rooms and yard areas; strips and applies wax to floors; shampoos carpets; washes and paints interior and exterior walls; diagnoses and cures building plumbing, electrical and carpentry repair needs. Assesses and completes laundry needs. Operates water blaster and bush whacker.

(1) Cook
Knowledgeable in Western, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Filipino Cuisine. At least one (1) year work-related experience. Certified Graduate from a Culinary Institute. Drug Testing & Police Clearance Required.

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours i.e. holidays and weekends.

If interested, please send resume to herenuisong@gmail.com

CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
URGENT HIRING!!!

(1) Accountant — Salary : $7.25 to $8.75
Bachelor Degree in Accounting or equivalent. Have at least 2 to 4 years accounting work experience in hotel/golf course industry or equivalent. Have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, FS, bank analysis and reporting of financial data. Excellent in mathematical and communication skills. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of accounting works and possess professionalism with good manners and right conduct. Knowledge in different accounting software application. Must know how to operate Peachtree Program and must be computer literate. Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines. Company may require a written accounting examination.

(1) Automotive Mechanic — Salary : $7.00 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one or two years of working experienced in full range skilled repair and maintenance on automobiles, small engines such as golf course equipment, heavy equipment, and other mechanical and electrical equipment. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that includes bending, twisting, and lifting.

(5) Cooks — Salary : $7.00 to $8.00
Six months to a year of work related experienced. Culinary Degree preferred but not required. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well-groomed at all times. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Full understanding of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. And a highly qualified in preparing variety of food and knowledgeable in processing and food production like salad, appetizers, dessert and main entrees. Must be able to obtain a Food Handler Certification. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(10) Housekeepers — Salary Range : $6.55 to $7.15
High School Diploma or equivalent. Few months to one year related work experienced. Knowledge of principles and process for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrival. Must be able to understand and follow instructions and out task in order and willing to work under pressure with the specified number of rooms or duties assigned in everyday. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that includes bending, twisting and lifting. Experienced in Hotel Industry for the position is a plus. Computer literacy is preferred but not required. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manners.

(2) Lifeguard — Salary: $6.55 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least from a few month to a year of related work experienced. First Aide and CPR Certified, swimmer or a certified lifeguard or must be able to acquire Lifeguard Certification. He/She must be familiar with the safe handling of pool chemicals and the process to clean and sanitize the area. Posses a friendly, good moral character and good communications skills. Fit to work under the sun. Company may require swimming test.

Suwaso Corporation dba Coral Ocean Golf Resort would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to Marge.Binuya@eland.co.kr. Deadline of submission is on March 10, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Provide at least two recommendation letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. All interested applicant must be willing to work in a flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays. Application form is also available in the hotel lobby and HR Office. Incomplete application may not be considered for assessment. Fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone calls please.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Accountant (1)
High School graduate or a GED Certificate. Some related work experience in tour operation, sales or service related work is preferred. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel; and proficient with Accounting software such as the SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) and POS-RMS (Point of Sale) systems to record, store, and analyze information. Flexible under pressure. High attention to detail. Able to work independently with detailed projects. Has an aptitude for learning. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Customer Service Agent, (2)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Customer Service Supervisor, Retail (1)
High School Diploma or GED. At least one (1) to two (2) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management, Travel and Tour or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in tour and travel operations is required. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Sales Associate (2)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Inventory Assistant (1)
High School Diploma or GED with at least six (6) months retail experience and at least three (3) months of prior receiving, stocking and inventory experience. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Knowledge on the following equipment: POS terminal, photocopier/facsimile machine, and other items as necessary to accomplish assigned tasks. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and move up to 50 pound items using a trolley. Must be able to bend, kneel, crouch, or crawl in awkward positions. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **March 15, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

Accountants (2)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Graphic Designer (1)
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand

Application forms may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Century Tours, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Agent, full-time (1)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Customer Service Agent, part-time (4)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may obtain application forms from the Front Office of Century Tours, Inc., located at the ground floor of the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan. Offices are open Sunday-Saturday from 9 AM-6 PM. Worker's compensation provided. Applications and/or resumes may also be emailed to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com until **March 15, 2017**. Incumbents must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.
Drug testing is required prior to employment.

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Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd. inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

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A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful Sales record. Preferably with an Associate's degree in Sales & Marketing. Sales experience with hotel, F&B, and restaurants together with knowledge of their inventory supply operations an advantage. Knowledge of petroleum lubricants a plus. Proven good track record in product marketing and excellent customer service is required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook. Must provide own reliable transport and must be able to meet monthly sales targets. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries an advantage. Available to work evenings, holidays or weekends as needed.

Interested applicants must submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by March 14, 2017. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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Curry bounces back to lead Warriors over Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Curry broke out of a shooting slump with 31 points and moved into the top 10 on the NBA's career 3-point list as the Golden State Warriors recovered from consecutive losses to beat the New York Knicks 112-105 on Sunday.

Klay Thompson added 29 points to help the Warriors end their first regular-season losing streak in nearly two years.

The Splash Brothers had dried up as Golden State dropped two in a row following Kevin Durant's knee injury, but they regained their touch Sunday. Curry hit five 3-pointers, passing Chauncey Billups for 10th place, and added eight rebounds and six assists.

Thompson had a 3-pointer and two other baskets during a late surge that allowed Golden State to pull away after leading by one midway through the fourth quarter.

Derrick Rose scored 28 points, and Kristaps Porzingis had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks.

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New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony (7) collides with Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) in the second half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, March 5, 2017.

Suns 109, Celtics 106

In Phoenix, rookie Tyler Ulis threw in a 3-pointer at the buzzer after a Boston turnover and the Phoenix Suns came away with a wild victory.

The Suns' Eric Bledsoe tied it at 106 with a reverse layup with four seconds to play.

Isaiah Thomas, who scored 35 points but missed a free throw with 11.9 seconds left, took the inbounds pass and the Suns' Marquese Chriss knocked the ball away. Ulis, listed at 5-foot-10 but probably not that tall, grabbed it and tossed it up as the buzzer sounded.

Ulis scored a career-best 20 points. Bledsoe had 28 to help the Suns win three in a row for the first time this season.

Jazz 110, Kings 109, OT

In Sacramento, California, Rudy Gobert tipped in George Hill's missed jumper as time expired in overtime on a play that was initially ruled goaltending, lifting the Utah Jazz to a thrilling victory over Sacramento.

After Willie Cauley-Stein made two free throws to give the Kings a 109-108 lead with 8.9 seconds remaining, Hill took an off-balance jumper from just outside the key. Gobert, positioned underneath the hoop, reached up and tipped the ball in as the buzzer sounded.

One official initially called goaltending on Gobert. But after a meeting near midcourt, the referees went to the scorer's table to review the play and counted the basket.

Gobert finished with 16 points and 24 rebounds, Rodney Hood scored a season-high 28 and Gordon Hayward added 23 with five assists for Utah.

Ty Lawson scored 19 points for Sacramento, which lost its fourth straight and fell to 1-4 since trading All-Star DeMarcus Cousins.

Mavericks 104, Thunder 89

In Dallas, Seth Curry scored 22 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 18 points and 12 rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Russell Westbrook had 29 for the Thunder after scoring more than 40 in each of his last four games. He had six rebounds and five assists, but the Mavericks frustrated him into both a technical foul and a flagrant-one foul. Both came in the midst of a 21-4 third-quarter run that allowed Dallas to blow the game open. Westbrook picked up a technical with 8:15 to go in the third quarter when he bounced the ball angrily in referee Marat Kogut's direction after being called for an offensive foul. Then he got his flagrant with 4:27 to go in the quarter for shoving Harrison Barnes.

Barnes made the flagrant free throws and then another to give the Mavericks their biggest lead at 81-57. He finished with 17 points.

Nowitzki tied his season high for rebounds and is 20 points away from becoming the sixth player to score 30,000. He'll likely set the mark at home, where Dallas plays its next three games.

Pacers 97, Hawks 96

In Atlanta, Glenn Robinson III hit a 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds left and Paul George scored 34 points as Indiana rallied to beat Atlanta.

Jeff Teague, in his first game back at Philips Arena after spending his first seven seasons with the Hawks, added 16 points and six assists.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 24 points, and Paul Millsap had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta. Millsap's 3-point attempt fell off the rim at the buzzer.

Wizards 115, Magic 114

In Washington, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 15 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and made a career-high eight 3-pointers as the Washington Wizards came back from 17 down to beat Orlando.

Bradley Beal led Washington with 32 points, and John Wall had 19 points and 10 assists as the third-place Wizards moved a game ahead of Toronto in the Eastern Conference standings.

Otto Porter scored 11 points, and more importantly spotted Bogdanovic in the corner for his final 3 to give the Wizards the lead for good with 48.6 seconds left.

Terrence Ross scored 20 points to lead seven players in double figures for the Magic.

Pelicans 105, L akers 97

In Los Angeles, DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points and 15 rebounds as the New Orleans Pelicans won for the first time with him in the lineup, beating the spiraling Los Angeles Lakers whose fourth-quarter rally fell short.

Anthony Davis added 31 points for the Pelicans, who swept the season series for the second straight year and just the second time ever.

The Pelicans improved to 1-4 with Cousins, who joined the team in a trade from Sacramento on Feb. 20. They won a game while he was serving a one-game suspension after earning his 18th technical of the season.

Nick Young led the Lakers with 19 points. They fell to 0-7 since the All-Star break, a game away from equaling the team's worst skid of the season. They've also lost five in a row at Staples Center.

Finally, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar lets Milwaukee in

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MILWAUKEE—This was the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar we never got to see during his six seasons in Milwaukee in the 1970s, when he almost single-handedly put the Bucks on the map, led the franchise to its only NBA title and redefined the center position, terrorizing opponents with his signature "skyhook" shot.

Back then, the word used most often to describe Abdul-Jabbar off the court was "aloof." He was introverted, wary, mistrustful of people he didn't know and admittedly had a poor relationship with the media.

"Coach (John) Wooden wouldn't let us talk to the press (at UCLA)," Abdul-Jabbar said. "He regarded them as a nuisance. I brought that with me to the NBA. It was very unfortunate, and I paid the price."

On Thursday night, we got to see what we missed.

Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's all-time leading scorer and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, participated in a 90-minute moderated discussion and question-and-answer period at the Milwaukee Theatre as a guest of the UW-Milwaukee Distinguished Lecture Series and the Muslim Student Association.

He was introspective and funny, sincere and engaging, thoughtful and thought-provoking — particularly when he talked about race relations and the challenges faced by Muslims in America.

He was quite the opposite of aloof.

He was charming.

Now 69 and a cancer survivor, Abdul-Jabbar is one of the most important sports figures of the 20th century, not only for his record 19 All-Star Game appearances and six NBA titles but for his social activism and his curiosity about the world around him.

He's intelligent, well-read and well-spoken, with expertise on a number of topics including basketball, jazz and American history. He's a best-selling author, an actor, a student of the martial arts and a practitioner of yoga.

Perhaps because he did not really warm to Milwaukee during his playing career, and perhaps because he was a devotee of Islam when the Muslim community in Milwaukee was small and all but invisible, he was never quite embraced here the way he should have been. His absence from the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame is a glaring omission that must be corrected as soon as possible.

More than 40 years after his 1975 trade to the Los Angeles Lakers, Abdul-Jabbar said he looked back on his time in Milwaukee with fondness and that he benefited from playing here because he learned about Midwest values.

"A lot of people thought I left here with a hostile attitude," he said. "I didn't. I wanted to get back to some sunshine."

He reminisced about growing up in Harlem in the 1950s and early '60s, when it was the cultural epicenter for blacks in America. Always inordinately tall for his age and one of "two or three black kids" at his Catholic grade school, he endured bullying until he learned how to use his long reach to his advantage.

"The Irish kids in my neighborhood ignited my passion for boxing," he said to a chorus of laughter. "They didn't like blacks in their neighborhood. I got beat up quite a bit. But once I got the jab down, they didn't bother me anymore."

Asked by a young boy to recount his most vicious dunk, Abdul-Jabbar said it occurred during a practice at UCLA, when teammate Sidney Wicks got on his nerves.

"I dunked on his head," he said. "It wasn't a nice thing to do, but I did it."

He said his favorite player while growing up was Bill Russell, whom he saw play "16 or 20" times at Madison Square Garden while in high school. His favorite player today is Steph Curry of Golden State.

"How can someone shoot the ball from where they make popcorn?" he wondered. "The best team I played on was the 1985 (Lakers) team. From the first game of the season to the last game of the playoffs, we made 99 three-pointers as a team. Last year, the Golden State Warriors made 1,077 three-pointers. So you can see how the three-pointer has changed the game."

Wainwright throws minor leaguer a gift with car rental

JUPITER, Fla. (AP)—St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Ryan Sherriff thought clubhouse prankster Adam Wainwright was taking him for a ride. Turns out, Sherriff was about to be given one.

When the Cardinals' traveling secretary asked Sherriff for his driver's license, the 26-year-old left-hander thought someone was trying to mock his photo, which still featured a picture from his high school days.

Sherriff spent last season at Triple-A Memphis and has an outside chance at making the big league roster. He couldn't afford to ship his car from California to Florida for spring training, so he rented a house about 10 minutes away. He's been walking to camp, to the store and pretty much everywhere else this spring. There was no need for a license.

Three times Wainwright drove past Sherriff on his way to the ballpark. After offering Sherriff a bicycle, which the reliever appreciatively declined, Wainwright asked traveling secretary C.J. Cherre to get Sheriff a rented car. Wainwright took care of the bill.

"That's the kind of thing that happened to me when I was younger," Wainwright said. "I remember I wore a couple of tired collared shirts in a row to the field and Mark Mulder bought me a whole box of collared shirts."

To rent the car, Cherre needed Sherriff's license. The young pitcher began to suspect something was up.

"So I run into Waino in the dugout I'm like, 'Hey, man, are you pulling a prank on me with my ID?'" Sherriff said. "He grabs me by the shoulder. He's just like, 'Yeah, you better watch out.'"

A few hours later, while cooking Wednesday night's dinner, Sherriff received a call from Cardinals clubhouse man Ernie Moore. The keys to a Nissan Altima were waiting for Sherriff in his locker.

"I got out of my house, I started walking," he said. "I called my mom. I started crying because it's the nicest thing anyone's ever done for me."

Knowing that Wainwright favored Chick-fil-A, sweet iced tea and barbeque sauce, Sherriff immediately drove to the fast-food restaurant to purchase a gift card and to a supermarket to pick up some tea and sauce. He left it in Wainwright's locker along with a thank-you card.

"He nailed the thank-you gift," Wainwright said. "That's the best thank-you gift I've ever had."

Sherriff didn't see Wainwright until Thursday morning.

"I walked right up to him and gave him a hug," Sherriff said. "He hugged me back. It was pretty cool."

A few hours after Wainwright tossed Sherriff a curveball with the new wheels, the longtime ace rediscovered his own.

Last season was Wainwright's first full year since tearing his Achilles tendon in 2015. He struggled with the feel of what was once a devastating curveball. He went 13-9 after posting 39 wins over the previous two seasons.

This week, after watching his own instructional internet video on how to throw a curve, Wainwright realized his grip had shifted slightly. The old grip brought back the old hook.

"I've got my curveball back," the three-time All-Star said after Thursday's outing, his first of the spring. "It is so great to have it back."

Wainwright allowed a leadoff homer to Dansby Swanson and a two-run shot to Adam Walker in the first inning of the Cardinals' 9-4 victory over Atlanta. But Wainwright also fanned three of the 16 Atlanta batters who struck out Thursday - two on curveballs.

"I don't love giving up homers but I'm actually really, really, really fired up about my stuff right now," Wainwright said. "I've got to work on my cutter. Both of the homers were on sloppy cutters, but the other stuff is really good."

AP

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright (50) works in the second inning of a spring training baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Thursday, March 2, 2017, in Jupiter, Fla.

Giants coach Alguacil hit by foul ball, has broken nose

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)—San Francisco Giants coach Jose Alguacil needed surgery to repair a broken nose after being hit by a foul ball during a spring training game.

Alguacil was hit in the face Saturday and fell to the ground. He was sitting in a folding chair outside the dugout, and manager Bruce Bochy said the Giants' new first base coach said he felt fine after the accident.

The Giants say Alguacil had surgery to address the nose and a "deep laceration." He also has small fractures in his eye socket.

Alguacil was struck when Kansas City's Hunter Dozier checked his swing in the eighth inning and fouled it back. After being assisted by trainers, Alguacil got into a cart and was driven from the field. He was holding a towel to his head and there was blood in the spot where he fell.

The injury occurred at Surprise Stadium outside Phoenix. Alguacil was airlifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

Alguacil managed the Giants' Triple-A affiliate in Sacramento last season. Bochy was sitting next to Alguacil when the play happened.

"It was so quick, I barely saw it," Bochy said. "He said he felt fine, got up and got in the golf cart."

Royals begin reworking roster to expand window to compete

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—There has been an assumption surrounding the Kansas City Royals for years that their window to compete for a championship would close after this season, when the core group of players that ushered the long-downtrodden franchise to a pair of World Series hits free agency.

Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas, Alcides Escobar and Lorenzo Cain, and a bunch of others who not only managed to restore the franchise to respectability but succeeded in winning a championship.

General manager Dayton Moore has never subscribed to that belief.

Everyone else pointed to the challenge of retaining those stars, and the fiscal hurdles he would need to overcome. But Moore insisted there is no reason why Kansas City can't continue to compete well into the future, even if it takes a crowbar to pry open that window.

"You put together the best team you can each and every year. You go out and prepare to win. You also realize that you have to continue to make adjustments to the roster, not only in the current championships season but also for the future," Moore said. "So we don't buy into the assumption that our window is going to close on our team. Rosters do change. You have to manage change effectively."

The Royals spent the offseason getting a jumpstart on it.

The first major maneuver was to deal All-Star closer Wade Davis to the Cubs for outfielder Jorge Soler. Davis is due to hit free agency next year, so the Royals addressed one of their big needs - a power-hitting outfielder - while getting a player signed through the 2020 season.

Then, the Royals sent speedy outfielder Jarrod Dyson to the Mariners for right-hander Nathan Karns. Dyson is also hitting free agency next year, so the pitching-starved Royals got a fifth starter or bullpen piece that is also under club control through 2020.

Sensing a trend here?

The Royals also made a couple smart moves in free agency, signing designated hitter Brandon Moss to a $12 million, two-year deal and right-hander Jason Hammel to a $16 million, two-year contract—a move that became necessary after Yordano Ventura died in a car crash this offseason.

But perhaps the boldest move was signing left-hander Danny Duffy to a $65 million, five-year contract that ensures he remains with the Royals through the 2021 season. Duffy was arbitration-eligible and, like so many others, could have become a free agent after this season. Duffy has said many times he wanted to remain with Kansas City long-term, but the fact that Moore has been reworking the roster to keep the Royals competitive was also attractive.

"Oh gosh, I would think so," Duffy said of competing beyond this season. "I definitely think we have an opportunity to sign a couple of our guys back. A lot of guys want to stick around."

Indeed, there are plenty of difficult decisions still to make.

Hosmer is coming off a season in which he hit .266 with a career-best 25 homers and 104 RBIs, and the first baseman was rewarded with his first All-Star appearance. Moustakas is coming off season-ending knee surgery but, prior to the injury, had been a solid third baseman flashing more power at the plate. Escobar has been steady at shortstop, Cain is a former All-Star and is a solid defensive outfielder, and left-hander Jason Vargas is a veteran entering the final year of his contract.

That's a lot of important pieces who could be playing elsewhere next season.

Manager Ned Yost basically scoffed when asked whether he thinks about any of them reaching free agency, preferring instead to focus solely on the upcoming season.

"I don't think about it," he insisted, "so there is no distraction to me."

But make no mistake, Moore and the rest of his front office are thinking about it.

All the pending free agents have said they're open to a long-term deal, but the Royals don't have the resources to sign all of them. Few organizations do. So, they may have to pick and choose based upon who they have waiting in the wings.

Cheslor Cuthbert could be a solution at third base. Raul Mondesi Jr. got a taste of the big leagues last year and could be the heir apparent at shortstop. Young pitchers Matt Strahm, Kyle Zimmer and Miguel Almonte could slide into Vargas's spot in the rotation.

And if the Royals are out of contention by the trade deadline? All bets are off.

"You have to make sure our process is good at the minor league level and that you are developing players that can transition into the major leagues," Moore said. "There's going to be a pool of players that are always available to us as we build our team each and every year.

"But again," he said, "we'll focus on this group and approach that at the appropriate time."

T.J. Watt wants to follow in his famous brothers' footsteps

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)— Most prospects at the NFL combine are hoping to make a name for themselves.

Not. T.J. Watt, who is set to join brothers J.J., the Texans superstar defensive end returning from back surgery, and Derek, a Chargers fullback coming off a solid rookie season.

Although T.J., 22, is closer to Derek, 24, the former Wisconsin Badgers outside linebacker wants to be just like his biggest brother, who is five years older.

"Early on when J.J. first started blowing up, I didn't know how to handle it, but now definitely I love it," T.J. said. "My brother is the best defensive player to ever play the game, in my opinion. When you play the sport of football and you have the person as your role model a phone call, a text away, it's special. And he does it so well and so right. I'm just trying to replicate what he does."

J.J. loaded up T.J. with advice heading into the combine, where Watt showed off his skills Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"The biggest piece of advice I got from J.J. is just to be yourself, don't overthink things," T.J. said. "Just be yourself, relax and you show people who you really are."

At 6-foot-4 and 238 pounds, T.J. gives away an inch and 51 pounds to J.J., but he is bigger than Derek, who is 6-2, 234.

Like his brothers, he's a grinder.

"What I bring is just my work ethic," T.J. said. "I know it's a cliche, but I do have a motor that's nonstop. I'm just always going after the ball. I'm always going to give a team everything that I have."

T.J. was a tight end up until 2015, when he converted to linebacker.

"Playing offense most of my life, reacting to different plays and dropping into coverage was new to me," T.J. said. "But at this point in my game I'm pretty good at everything I do."

In his only season as a starter last year, he parlayed a big game against LSU in the opener into an excellent junior year that included 11½ sacks, 15½ tackles for loss, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries.

That was enough to convince him he was he ready to join his brothers in the NFL, so he put his education on hold.

"I've always wanted to play in the NFL, but obviously it wasn't a realistic option until I played at a high level in college," T.J. said. "Once that opportunity came, I couldn't say no."

Scouts project him as a potential first-round pick, maybe not as high as J.J., the 11th overall pick in 2011, but far ahead of Derek, who was the 198th player drafted last year.

"To be honest with you, it doesn't matter where I'm drafted or who I'm drafted to," T.J. insisted. "Obviously it would be great to be a first-round draft choice, but second, third, fourth, it really doesn't matter. Wherever I go, I'm going to keep my mouth shut and just work as hard as I can and play ball."

With his size, it would help for him to go to a team that plays a 3-4 scheme because he's a good edge rusher and he can set the edge in the ground game.

"I'm only scratching the surface," T.J. said. "I've only played defense for 18 or 20 months. If I can do all the things I did this last year, what can I do when I'm under the tutelage of an NFL coach?"

Citing his work ethic and bloodlines, he said his relative inexperience shouldn't be problematic in the pros.

He said he certainly held his own against his older brothers growing up in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

"Have I ever beat (J.J.) in any competition? He'll admit it, too," T.J. said. "We compete all the time growing up. I beat both my brothers in many things. They beat me in many things, as well. You're not always going to win; you're not always going to lose in that house. Pickup basketball growing up, flag football, anything, eating, it doesn't matter."

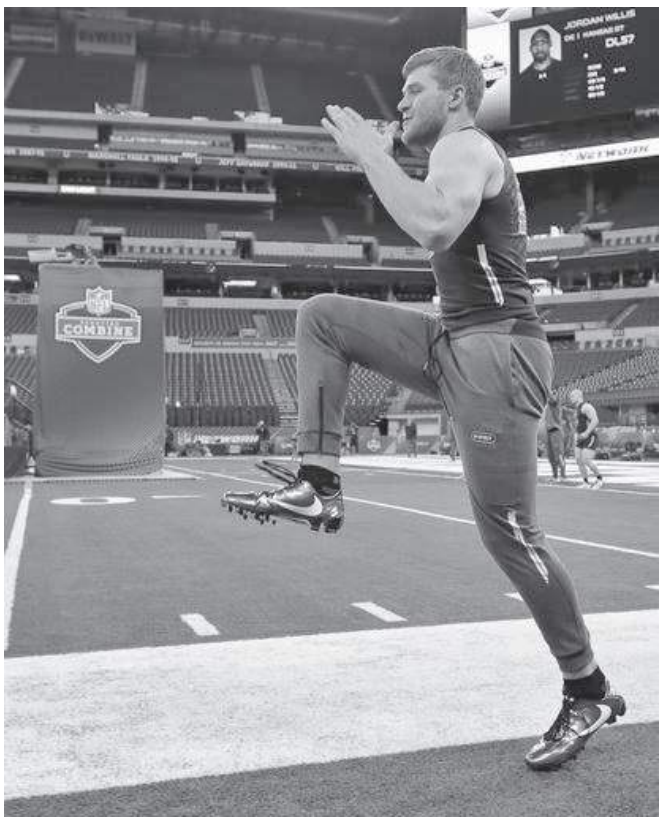
T.J.'s real sibling rivalry growing up was with Derek, who also played at Wisconsin.

"We were two years apart in age. We fought over a lot," T.J. said. "We didn't really see how much we cared about each other until we grew up, and now I love my brother to death."

Derek, however, didn't attend the combine last year, so T.J. leaned on J.J. for advice this week.

NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock compared the youngest Watt brother to Packers linebacker Clay Matthews.

"Any time you get compared to a great player like that it's a great comparison," T.J. said. "But I personally don't shape my game after anyone else."



AP

Wisconsin linebacker T.J. Watt stretches at the NFL football scouting combine Sunday, March 5, 2017, in Indianapolis.

TENORIO

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posted a batting average of .500 to make it to the Top 14.

The Falcons' Ace Evangelista and Henry Aguon both hit 3-for-6, while their teammate Kobe Lifoifoi went 4-for-8. The Blue Jays' Dai Podziewski, Randy Tudela, and Austin Benavente all registered 2-for-4. Others on the batting leaders race are the Falcons' Kimo Angailen (3-for-7) and Spencer Dickinson (2-for-5), the Blue Jays' Dominic Yumul (2-for-6), Trion Sulap (2-for-6), and Andres Camacho (2-for-7), and the Enforcers' Shakobe Rangamar (2-for-7).

In the pitching race in the Senior League, Tindin Leon Guerrero and Sho Taguchi both have 0.00 ERA as they did not allow a single run in four innings (each) pitched. Tyrese Camacho is in second place with his 1.16 ERA (six innings pitch, one run yielded), while Noel Cabrera occupies the No. 4 spot with is 1.75 ERA (four innings, one run allowed).

Tyrese is ahead in the strikeouts category with his 13, while Rangamar has 12 so far. Tyrese also has the most runs with four, while Angailen has three and is the only player to have registered a homer this season.

In the Junior League, Nakamura's .800 batting average paces 14 other players. He went 4-for-5 to place ahead of the Ol'Aces' Kiana Aldan (.750), the Enforcers' Thomas Agulto (.625) and Jonathan Santos (.600), and the Falcons' Joel Norita (.571).

Rounding out the Top 15 are the Ol'Aces' Henry Fleming (.500), the Falcons' Froilan Camacho (.500) and Francisco Kumuch (.500), the Comets' Sab Saures (.428) and A.J. Sanchez (.428), the Falcons' Aven Evangelista (.428) and Nixon Smith (.428), the Braves' J.P. Celis (.428) and Josenio Alvarez (.400), and the Falcons' Isaiah Teigita (.333). The batting leaders were based on four or more times at bat.

Celis and Evangelista share the lead in the pitching contest so far with their identical 0.00 ERA. Celis pitched 6.2 innings and gave up no earned run, while Evangelista also shutdown their foes in the five innings he worked on the mound. Saures (1.00 ERA), Bing Nakamura (1.75), and Sean Rabauliman (2.10) complete the Top 5.

Saures has recorded the most strikeouts (13) at the early part of the competition, leading the 12 of Celis and Rabauliman and the former is also ahead in the doubles with his two. Evangelista is on top of the runs category with nine.

MARIANA

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younger players, proved to be too much for the veteran crew of Westco.

Westco tried to keep up with Mariana Resort in scoring and was a bit successful in the first quarter, as the former only led by 7 points, 31-24. However, Mariana Resort padded the lead as the game progressed and this time Westco failed to counter.

Mariana Resort drilled four triples in the second quarter and Fidelino dropped 9 of his total points in the period, lifting his team to a 59-41 halftime lead. Fidelino was still unstoppable in the second half, which he started with back-to-back triples and the former Marianas High School standout went on to add 14 more points in the third for Mariana Resort's commanding 87-63 advantage.

Fidelino was then silent in the fourth, but Mariana Resort did not mind, as Sakisat and J.R. Lifoifoi took over and delivered the killer blows en route to their 36-point winning margin.

Meanwhile, Docomo Pacific ended its five-game losing skid after winning via forfeit against Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (3-4). Docomo (2-5) is ranked seventh in Pool and will likely face Coca-Cola/Subway (5-1) in the first round of the playoffs.

Mariana Resort 122 – Fidelino 23, Sakisat 22, J. Lifoifoi 20, Kani 15, Prado 10, Factor 9, Ermitanio 9, F. Lifoifoi 6, Asedillo 2, James 1.

Westco 86 – Illahi 29, Cortez 19, Alfonso 16, Rejano 12, Ejercito 6, Gutierrez 4.

Scoring by quarters: 31-24, 59-41, 87-63, 122-86.

SHIRLEY'S

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United tiff, the former drew a hat trick from Paulyn Grace Joyce to stretch the team's streak to three.

Joyce drilled back-to-back goals with her first in the 30th minute putting Kanoa on top. A conversion from Mariana Castro a minute later allowed Southern to force the deadlock, but that was it for the fledging club as Joyce led Kanoa's breakaway in the second half.

The Hopwood Junior High School student registered her second goal in the 46th minute and completed the hat trick in the 67th. Ericka Santiago and Raenna Ramarui scored the two other goals for Kanoa with the former making it to the board in the 49th minute and the latter in the 58th.

Meanwhile, Matansa won the first game in the division against TanHoldings, as the latter failed to come up with enough players for the curtain-raiser.

CO-ED U12
Kanoa-1 9, Matansa 3

Kanoa-1 also gained an easy victory in the co-ed U12 division after crushing Matansa last weekend at the Hopwood pitch.

Sean Gil and Markus Toves fired two goals apiece for Kanoa-1, which remains on top of the team standings in the five-squad field with its 3-1-0 mark. Jim Kurt Maniago, Andrew Sablan, John Mark Anastacio, and Daniel Mar Pablo contributed one goal apiece in Kanoa-1's balance offense.

Alex Megino and Chanyang Wo tallied one goal apiece for Matansa, which was credited with one goal off Kanoa-1's miscue.

TanHoldings 9, Kanoa-2 0

TanHoldings earned a lopsided win against Kanoa-2 to keep pace with Kanoa-1 in the division leadeboard.

TanHoldings now has a 3-0-1 record for second place in the team standings.

John Anthony Bergancia starred in TanHoldings' demolition of Kanoa-2 after scoring five goals, four of them came in succession. Mark Joseph Roque added a pair of goals, while Angelo Pulido chipped in one, and TanHoldings also got an own goal against the struggling Kanoa-2 defense.

Kanoa-2, whose lone goal in the game came from a TanHoldings' error, absorbed its third loss in as many matches.

MP United 3, Matansa 2

Matansa nosed out Matansa for its second win in four games.

Garrett Weaver registered the winning goal in the 55th minute or 10 minutes after Jin Xin Wen hit the equalizer for Matansa. Jin also recorded the other goal for Matansa in the 16th minute to force the second deadlock in the game, while Richard Castro gave MP United the early lead when he found his target just three minutes into the match.

Andrew Chung then handed the driver's seat back to MP United with his shot in the opening minute of the second half and his team kept the shaky lead for several minutes before Jin got his second goal to tie the match anew. However, MP United had the last say, thanks to Garett's goal five minutes before the match wrapped up.

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Atlantic Division

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Boston	40	23	.635	—
Toronto	37	26	.587	3
New York	25	38	.397	15
Philadelphia	23	39	.371	16½
Brooklyn	10	51	.164	29

Southeast Division

Washington	37	24	.607	—
Atlanta	34	28	.548	3½
Miami	29	34	.460	9
Charlotte	27	35	.435	10½
Orlando	23	40	.365	15

Central Division

Cleveland	42	19	.689	—
Indiana	32	30	.516	10½
Chicago	31	31	.500	11½
Detroit	30	32	.484	12½
Milwaukee	28	33	.459	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

x-San Antonio	48	13	.787	—
Houston	44	19	.698	5
Memphis	36	27	.571	13
Dallas	26	36	.419	22½
New Orleans	25	38	.397	24

Northwest Division

Utah	39	24	.619	—
Oklahoma City	35	28	.556	4
Denver	28	34	.452	10½
Portland	26	35	.426	12
Minnesota	25	37	.403	13½

Pacific Division

x-Golden State	51	11	.823	—
L.A. Clippers	37	25	.597	14
Sacramento	25	37	.403	26
Phoenix	21	42	.333	30½
L.A. Lakers	19	44	.302	32½

x-clinched playoff spot

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2016 NMSA Annual Banquet

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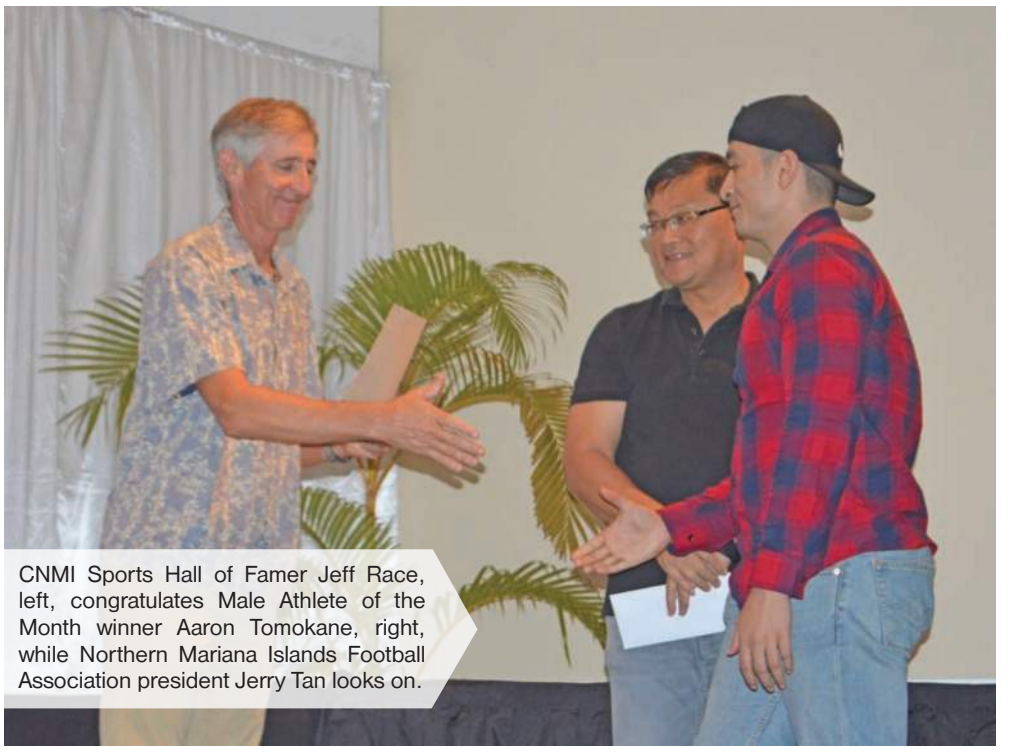
The NMSA Female Athlete of the Month winners pose for a group photo after receiving their certificates during the 2016 Northern Marianas Sports Association Annual Banquet held late last month at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race, left, congratulates Male Athlete of the Month winner Aaron Tomokane, right, while Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan looks on.

Robbie Schorr, recipient of the 2016 NMSA/TSL Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Year plum,

Joshua Andrew poses with his life-size cutout, which was one of the prizes he took for winning the 2016 NMSA Male Athlete of the Year.

TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, right, hands over the prizes to 2016 NMSA Female Athlete of the Year Zarinae Sapong.

2016 NMSA Female Athlete of the Year Zarinae Sapong smiles after receiving her awards.

Winners of the 2016 NMSA/TSL Foundation Female Student Athletes of the Month awards pose with their certificates.

Anne Lee receives the 2016 NMSA/TSL Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Year award on behalf of her sister Carol.

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Shirley's Football Club's Katrina Costales, left, faces several Matansa defenders during their girls U15 game in the NMIFA youth league during the opening week of the division at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Shirley's, Kanoa ease past foes

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Shirley's Football Club and Kanoa FC outclassed their respective opponents to remain undefeated in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League.

Kanoa topped Southern United, 5-1, in the second game at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field last Saturday to improve to a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record. Shirley's is also unbeaten after two games following a 4-1 triumph over MP United in the final match in Week 3 of the division.

Jerlyn Castillo knocked down a pair of goals for Shirley's, while Valeria Myers and Lillian Podziewski chipped in one apiece. All of Shirley's goals came in the second half, while MP United posted its lone goal in the opening half off a penalty kick by Francesca Bucalig in the 28th minute.

MP United's hold on the lead was short-lived as just three minutes into the second half, Castillo drew first blood for Shirley's to tie the match. Shirley's went on to dominate the rest of the game with Myers giving their team the lead with her shot in the 50th minute. Seven minutes later it was Podziewski's turn to light up the board for Kanoa, while Castillo gained her second goal in the 68th.

In the Kanoa-Southern

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Mariana Resort routs Westco, sweeps pool play

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Mariana Resort & Spa finished pool play with an unblemished record following a 122-86 demolition of Westco in the lone game in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With its 7-0 sweep of Pool B of the 16-team league, Mariana Resort gets the top seeding in the crossover single-elimination playoffs and will face Pool A last finisher Triple J in the first round.

Three Mariana Resort players scored at least 20 points each to hand Westco a beating in its last game in pool play. Jun Fidelino was one of them, making 23 points, while Melvin Sakisat Jr. and J.R. Lifoifoi chipped in 22 and 20 markers, respectively. Two more Mariana Resort players scored in twin digits with Sandrew Kani logging 15 and Carlo Prado posting 10.

Marianas Resort's offensive prowess, fired up by its much

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A Mobil/COAG player keeps a close eye on Mariana Resort's Jun Fidelino during an earlier game in the JEM/Mobil caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Tenorio, Nakamura take early batting lead

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The Blue Jays' Jayden Tenorio was perfect in his debut game in the Senior League for the top spot in the batting leader board, while the Comets' Vincent Nakamura gained the lead in the Junior League division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball.

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Comets players huddle after beating the Braves in the Junior League division game in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball late last month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Tenorio went 3-for-3 in the Blue Jays' 9-7 victory over the Enforcers to pace 13 others in the batting race, which was based on three or more times at bat as of Feb. 26. The Blue Jays slugger is ahead of the Enforcers' Tyrese Camacho (.4-for-7/.571), while four Falcons players and three more Blue Jays have

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